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ASK GORDON

EXCLUSIVE PM Brown to answer KoS reader's questions: 'I look forward to reading and responding to the points you raise'

By **JAMIE McGINNES**

GORDON Brown is today inviting Kent on Sunday readers to quiz him about the big issues affecting their lives.

The Prime Minister has exclusively agreed to answer questions from the award-winning Sunday paper.

Over the next two weeks, KoS readers are being invited to send in their questions for the premier. They can be about anything; from the Government's growth plans for Kent or rising energy bills, to services for the elderly, immigration, health, crime, the welfare state, tax, education or foreign policy.

Mr Brown said: "I'm delighted to have this opportunity to answer questions from the readers of Kent on Sunday and to learn directly from them about the issues that they consider most important.

"I look forward to reading and responding to the points that are raised with great interest."

Send in your questions to jamie.mcginnes@kosmedia.co.uk or Jamie McGinnes, Kent on Sunday, Apple Barn, Hythe Road, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent TN25 6SR. Please include your name, age and address. Alternatively, fax them to 01303 817002.

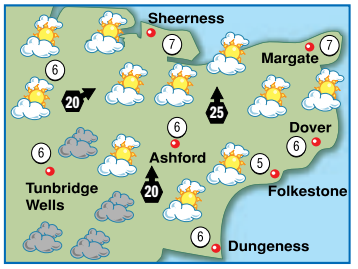
A selection of questions will be given to Mr Brown and his answers will be printed in KoS.



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Kent today



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TONIGHT: Outbreaks of rain and drizzle spreading eastwards, some heavy. Brisk southerly winds. Min temp 3-6C (37-43F).

Around Britain

		°C	°F			°C	°F
Aberdeen	cloudy	7	45	London	rain	7	45
Belfast	rain	8	46	Liverpool	cloudy	8	46
Birmingham	showers	7	45	Manchester	cloudy	7	45
B'mouth	cloudy	6	43	Newcastle	cloudy	6	43
Bristol	showers	8	46	Norwich	cloudy	7	45
Cardiff	rain	8	46	Oxford	cloudy	6	43
Cork	rain	7	45	Southsea	cloudy	8	46
Edinburgh	rain	7	45	S'hampton	rain	7	45
Glasgow	rain	7	45	Southport	sun	–	–
Isle of Man	rain	8	46	Swansea	rain	7	45
Leeds	cloudy	4	39	Torquay	rain	8	46

Sun & moon

Sunrise	7.32am	Sunset	4.47pm	Lighting up times:
Moonrise	5.44am	Moonset	12.20pm	4.47pm to 7.30am

High Tides

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Dover	08.33	5.2	21.05	5.4	09.26	5.5	21.49	5.7
Margate	09.07	3.8	21.33	3.9	10.12	4.0	22.28	4.1
St Mary's	01.59	4.3	14.29	4.3	02.54	4.6	15.18	4.6

Week ahead

monday Rain clearing. max 7C min 5C
tuesday Few showers. max 11C min 8C
wednesday Cloudy. Dry. max 11C min 8C
thursday Mainly cloudy. max 12C min 7C
friday Rain later. max 11C min 5C
saturday Cloudy. Dry. max 10C min 5C

Porton Down victims finally get an apology

By **NICK AMES**

HUNDREDS of ex-servicemen who were subjected to nerve gas experiments behind barbed wire at the Porton Down chemical warfare installation during the 1950s are to be awarded compensation.

In a written statement to MPs, defence minister Derek Twigg offered an apology to the men who were contaminated with sarin drops – a deadly nerve gas originally manufactured by the Nazis.

The statement and damages of £8,333 to each of the 360 men tested are largely thanks to the work of one man.

Ken Earl, from Maidstone, has been campaigning for nine years to get recognition of what he and so many other young men were tricked into doing more than 50 years ago.

As a teenager in the RAF undergoing national service he was offered a few pounds extra to take part in what was described as an experiment to find a vaccine to cure the common cold.

Respirator

"I just did it so that I could get some extra cash and go back to Maidstone to visit my girlfriend," he said.

"If I'd have known what they were going to do to me I'd have run a mile."

On a spring day in 1953, Mr Earl and fellow volunteers were marched into what he now realises is a "gas chamber".

He remembers: "It was all behind barbed wire – the experiments themselves took place in a sort of gym-style building.

"We were told to put on respirators which was a new experience for me and a most unpleasant one.

"A colourless liquid was then dropped onto my arm which had two sorts of material put onto it – one simulating battle-dress and the other a military shirt.

"We were then told to sit still for 30 minutes and I started to break out into a sweat. I wanted to rip the respirator from my head but had I done so I would have died instantly.

"I know now that one of the first symptoms of nerve gas poisoning is heavy sweating and that is what I was undergoing."



SURVIVOR: Ken Earl suffered ill health

After the experiments the men were taken back to their units and Mr Earl left the service to find success as an actor – appearing first on stage in Folkestone before regular slots in shows such as Dr Who, Z Cars and Softly Softly Task Force.

But all his life he has been dogged by ill health and he has suffered two cancer bouts as well as skin and spinal disorders.

It was only following news of a police investigation into the death of another former RAF man – Ronald Maddison – who was ruled to have been unlawfully killed that Mr Earl realised the man had taken part in the same tests as he had and the truth gradually emerged as other victims came forward.

He said: "I heard he died in agony – convulsing on the ground as the medical staff failed to get the antidote into him in time.

"It was then I started to fight – I wanted to expose the people who had lied to me about what was going to happen.

"As an aspiring actor I would never have done anything to risk my health, my voice or my lungs.

"I can't prove it, but to my mind all the illnesses I have had are the result of what happened to me that day."

KCC defends salary bill for its senior management

KENT County Council paid out more than £44 million to middle and senior managers in wages last year, according to the Taxpayers' Alliance, ***writes Jenna Pudelek***.

The pressure group uncovered what it labelled as evidence of "wasteful and frivolous town hall spending" as part of an investigation into local authority expenditure.

KCC is now spending £42,290,000 more on £50,000 pay packages than it did 10 years ago. Some 713 people earn salaries of more than £50,000.

Matthew Elliot, the alliance's chief executive, said: "Despite council tax doubling in the last decade, local authorities almost universally say that they are short of money and need to increase council tax still further or reduce front line services.

"Many local authorities are raising council tax, cutting services, such as rubbish collection or care for the elderly at the same time."

Efficiency

KCC defended it position as the second biggest spending authority on higher wages in the country after Birmingham.

Cllr Paul Carter, the authority's leader, said: "It is hardly surprising we are close to the top when we are one of the biggest shire authorities in the county, with 45,195 staff. Only two per cent of this number currently earns more than £50,000."

He said the council was among the highest rated for making the best use of taxpayers' money and said cost per person KCC is 37th on the alliance's list.

Cllr Carter added: "Local government has made more efficiency savings than any other part of the public sector.

"KCC has saved £90 million in the past three years despite receiving considerably less than is needed from the Government to pay for council services."

Council's tribute to dead Matthew

DARTFORD Borough Council flew its flag at half-mast on Friday out of respect for the death of a schoolboy.

Matthew Hobbs, 11, from Brent Lane, died after a collision with a school bus on the morning of Wednesday, January 9.

The Year Seven pupil at Wilmington Grammar School for Boys was on his way to school at the time.

The flag above the Civic Centre was lowered on Friday to mark the day of his funeral.

Council leader Jeremy Kite said: "It's unusual for us to lower the flag in these circumstances, but Matthew was clearly a very fine young man who had a lot to offer and his loss has been felt by the whole town."

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County council to invite tourists to visit where stars filmed

Tour shows county's big screen locations

By **PHIL REILLY**
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FILM fans can follow in the footsteps of Hollywood stars Natalie Portman and Scarlett Johansson on a new behind-the-scenes tour around the county.

The pair starred as Anne Boleyn and her sister Mary respectively in the forthcoming film The Other Boleyn Girl, parts of which were shot at a variety of historic locations around the county.

These included Hever Castle in Edenbridge, Penshurst Place near Tonbridge, Knole in Sevenoaks, Ightham Mote and Dover Castle.

The three-day tour, organised by the county council's Kent Film Office and Visit Kent for later this year, will allow tourists to retrace the steps not only of the film's stars, but also the historic characters they portrayed.

Day one takes in Hever Castle and Penshurst Place. The former was the family home of the real-life Boleyn girls and the setting of several important scenes while the latter was used as the double for Whitehall Palace, where Anne and Henry VIII catch eyes for the first time.

Day two takes in Knole, which doubles for Tudor London in the film, and Ightham Mote, once home of Henry VIII's courtier Sir Richard Clement.

Dover Castle is the setting for day three, which is where the scenes of Anne being imprisoned and executed were shot.

KCC is hoping to establish the county as a film-making hub in years to come with its new Kent Film and Television Strategy 2008-2012 project.

The aim is to attract a slice of the £4 billion generated every year by the UK film industry, from both the production companies and the tourists that flock to visit film locations.

Research says for every £1 spent on location another £2.50 is spent on the local economy.



It is hoped the tour will be the first of many inspired by Kent locations hitting the big screen.

Gabrielle Lindemann, KCC's film officer, said: "The potential revenue for Kent businesses and tourism from film production is huge.

"In other areas of the country regional development agencies pay companies wishing to film in their region, offering grants and soft loan investments, however this is not the case in Kent which is putting us at a disadvantage."

She said that investments by the county council would "go some way towards redressing the balance, helping to create a vibrant film industry in Kent".

The county council hopes to set up a development fund of its own and is looking to partners in the region to put in money.

Officials have not said how much the county council itself will invest in the project.

The Other Boleyn Girl is due to hit UK screens in March. For more information about the tour go to www.visitkent.co.uk.



STAR TREKKING: Natalie Portman who spent time filming at Dover Castle (left)

Students designing apparatus for torture

TWELVE students on a masters program at the University of Kent have been asked to design instruments of torture.

The architecture students have been challenged to "design, construct and draw a full-scale operable prototype torture device based on ergonomic principals".

One unnamed student has abstained from the controversial study, telling the programme director Michael Richards that he felt uncomfortable working with a brief which features illustrations of a skull and a plan view of a Gestapo torture chamber.

Speaking in defence of the project, the head of the architecture department, Professor Don Gray, claimed the module was justified as part of the "contemporary artistic debate".

'Tosh'

The intended outcome of the study is the development of student's awareness of the "tactics of shock" and also to force students to take an ethical position on the "use of torture, and the abuse of human rights in general", he said.

However the former president of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), George Ferguson, claimed that he had "seldom read such pretentious tosh".

He added: "Of course it is part of the role of architectural education to stretch our minds, but not towards extreme discomfort and ugliness.

"Now is the time to think about the making of attractive places. The built environment is not some sort of 'Brit Art' gallery designed to shock, or certainly should not be."

The project is a precursor to a larger one in which students will be asked to design a new headquarters for Amnesty International, said Architects' Journal.

KoS journalist comes up trumps at media awards

KENT on Sunday journalist Jamie McGinnes has been named Kent's Best Newspaper or Online Journalist of the Year at the 20th Shepherd Neame Kent Journalist of the Year Awards.

He impressed judges by breaking a story on the cost of foreign prisoners in Kent's jails several months before the national press.

This year's awards attracted a record 120 entries and were judged by a panel including Kim Fletcher, former editorial director of the Telegraph Group and chairman of the NCTJ, and Tim Luckhurst, professor of journalism at the University of Kent and a former editor of The Scotsman.

McGinnes, 30, said: "I'm very pleased to have been given this award. This is further recognition of how far Kent on Sunday has come in the six years since it was established.

"The paper was again named the best free paper in Britain last year and our recent launch of mid-week titles and websites will only strengthen our position and enhance our reputation."

Tributes were paid during the event, which was at the Shepherd Neame brewery, Faversham, to the late Lord Deedes, who died last year.

The Kent Journalist of the Year was Colin Campbell, of BBC South East Today.



ACE REPORTER: Jamie receives his award from former presenter Barbara Sturgeon

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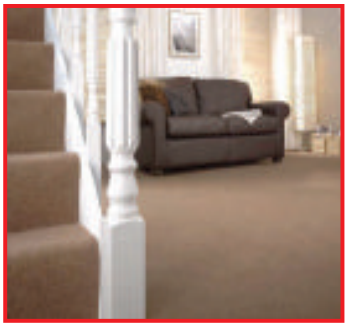
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Ten per cent of police take long term sick leave

EXCLUSIVE

By **PHIL REILLY**

ALMOST one in 10 police officers take long-term sick leave every year, Kent on Sunday can reveal.

Figures released to KoS under the Freedom of Information Act show that more than 300 officers a year take long-term sickness leave – at an annual cost of £1.6m to 1.8m.

There are currently just over 3,400 police officers and sergeants employed by Kent Police.

The force also provided a lengthy list of the reasons given for long-term sickness. These included general malaise, nose bleeds and upset stomachs alongside more serious conditions such as cancer, arthritis and Hodgkin's Disease.

The police also revealed that just under £10m has been spent over the last three years as the result of officers taking sick days. In total officers took 32,623 sick days in 2006-07.

The figures also revealed the massive amount of overtime Kent officers are putting in, and the accompanying cost.

In 2006-07, officers worked just under half a million overtime hours at a cost of more than £11m, with similar figures for the previous year. This amounts to an extra 22 minutes added to every officer's working day.

Stressful

In 2004-05, overtime cost Kent Police £9.5m and in 2003-04 it was little over £9m.

Matthew Elliott, chief executive of the Taxpayers' Alliance, said he was concerned by the "very high and persistent" rates of long-term sick leave.

He said: "They are very high compared to other areas of the public sector, and much higher than in the Army, which is also very stressful."

Mr Elliott suggested that the high amounts of overtime and sick leave might be linked.

He added: "If people are putting in more overtime over the longer term then they are going to be more tired. Maybe this is one reason why they're taking long-term sick leave.

"It is ridiculous for the taxpayer to continue to pay this much overtime year after year. They need to hire more people."

Assistant Chief Constable David Ainsworth said the force was proud of its occupational health department and said sickness levels had fallen since 2003.

He said: "The welfare of our police officers is paramount to our day-to-day business. You have to consider the role of front line police officers and the confrontational situations they are placed under.



COST: Overtime is good value say chiefs

"I'm pleased to say that our sickness rate is actually below the national average for public sector services and that's very promising considering the nature of our work.

"We do not have a culture of sickness here in Kent and in fact have an award-winning programme that looks at health interventions and fitness management, all commended by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary."

Ann Barnes, chairman of the Kent Police Authority, said the cost of recruiting new police officers could potentially be higher than paying overtime.

She said: "The nature of police work means some departments may be called on 24/7 to protect the public. Home Office ministers recognise forces may have to resort to overtime to provide a specific operational response.

"Let's also remember that the officers do need some form of recompense for their work as it does impact on their private life."

She continued: "Overtime can often end up being better value for money as it's not affected by sickness or annual leave.

"At first glance the figures do appear high, but the authority has looked closely at this and when you break it down the average overtime for a police officer amounts to just 22 minutes a day.

"I have to stress that by law police officers are not allowed to claim for the first 30 minutes of casual overtime.

"In theory this means overtime costs incurred by the police authority should be substantially higher – so taxpayers aren't actually getting too bad a deal."

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Red pandas finding love

YOUKENTTV presenter Julie Maddocks met up with two loved-up red pandas this week.

The bamboo-munching mammals are endangered and experts at Port Lympne Wild Animal Park are hoping the pair will breed.

Matchmaking conservation workers at the park near Hythe introduced the female panda Shu Fang to new resident Yoda.

Red pandas are native to China, India, Laos, Nepal, Burma and the Himalayas in Bhutan.

There is currently an estimated population of less than 2,500 in the wild.

Deforestation in their homelands and the fact that their fur is traditionally used in cultural ceremonies, including weddings in China as good luck charms, has led to the species being under threat of extinction.

To watch the film, visit yourkenttv.co.uk.

• ***Read Julie Maddocks on the 11-plus. See page 13.***

Killer blow to arts groups

THEATRE and arts organisations have been delivered a massive blow with the Arts Council withdrawing their funding.

The quango confirmed on Friday it was stopping more than £200,000 of funding to five organisations, including the Gulbenkian Theatre in Canterbury and Trinity Theatre in Tunbridge Wells.

The cuts are likely to mean both theatres will have to reduce programmes, as well as almost certainly sounding the death knell for the Chalkfoot Theatre Arts company.

More than 200 organisations across the country learned on Friday that they were to lose their main source of funding.

Chalkfoot spokeswoman Claudia Leaf said: "We will look for alternative funding from some charitable trusts, but there are more than 200 organisations doing the same."

The Canterbury-based Anne Peaker Centre for the Arts in Criminal Justice and the Kent Architecture Centre in Chatham have also lost their Arts Council funding.

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Skaters' smoother ride

ONE of the country's top skateparks has undergone further work to improve its facilities.

Revolution Skatepark, in Thanet, has invested in smooth new flooring in the indoor street area.

The work follows a major rebuild of the street park late last year and the building of a new outdoor section last summer.

Dan Chapman, the owner of Revolution, said: "The entire concrete floor has been covered with environmentally friendly Latvian birch plywood making it even smoother, not to mention safer to ride."

Revolution, which also features a state-of-the-art climbing centre, celebrates its 10th anniversary this year.

Mr Chapman added: "We would like to take this opportunity to thank our loyal customers and renew our pledge of commitment to the communities of Kent and Thanet to continue our high level of service."

Meanwhile, cult skate label Vans has opened a shop in Kent.

The skate shoe manufacturer, founded in 1966, has a new outlet at the Ashford Designer Outlet, selling clothes and footwear.

Elderly need better support

A CHARITY has called for a radical rethink in the way social care is provided after a report highlighted glaring variations across local authorities.

The social care watchdog, Commission for Social Care Inspection, found that people not receiving support from councils are struggling with a poor quality of life.

Counsel and Care, a national charity that supports older people and their families, said a crisis of funding has resulted in "forgotten" elderly people unable to access the support they need.

But Kent County Council said the authority, which has maintained a 'moderate' level of need criteria, was ahead of others that only provide for the most frail and ill elderly people.

Police hunting teen pervert

A TEENAGER is being hunted by police after two sex incidents in Chatham.

Police believe the incidents – a sexual assault and an indecent exposure – may be linked and have issued a description of the suspect.

The first took place near Boundary Road at around 8.15am on Wednesday. A teenage boy attacked 21-year-old woman as she walked to the station. He ran off after she shouted at him.

The second happened at 8.05am on Thursday. A teenage boy exposed himself to a 22-year-old woman on her way to work.

Police described the suspect as a black male, aged 14-15, possibly wearing a school uniform that consists of a black or navy blue blazer, grey trousers and red and yellow tie.

Thefts a real drain on funds

THE disappearance of roadside furniture such as drain covers and iron signs is costing a small fortune.

An estimated £34,000 was lost last year due to the theft and vandalism of equipment.

Norman Bateman, of Kent Highways Services, said: "This is obviously a serious matter. Apart from putting a strain on our funds to replace the items it is extremely dangerous to remove road signs that are there to protect the safety of road users."

He added: "We make every effort to identify and replace stolen items as quickly as possible, but we do also rely on members of the public to let us know if they see that items are missing. You can do this by calling us on 08458 247 800."

New book reveals the true stories of young refugees in our county

By **JENNA PUDELEK**
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THE stories of children who come to Kent from far-flung places around the globe to escape hardship or to seek an education have been revealed in a new book.

Some are extraordinary tales of survival and sacrifice, others of struggling to fit into an alien culture without losing the parts of their identity that link them to their past.

Young Diasporas: Longing and Belonging, which was compiled and edited by Tasos Papadimitriou, has been designed primarily as a teaching device for a range of age groups and covers curriculum topics such as identity and diversity, citizenship and personal development.

Mr Papadimitriou, who has just completed a PhD at the University of Kent in sociology, spoke passionately about his project.

He said: "At the beginning of the project I thought the outcome would be doom and gloom with stories of racism and bullying.

"But what is great is that what comes across is they are kids with hopes and aspirations, problems and difficulties, just like everyone else. You tend to apply different labels to them – refugees, immigrants, gypsies or asylum seekers. People think of them as a burden and a source of problems or as victims.

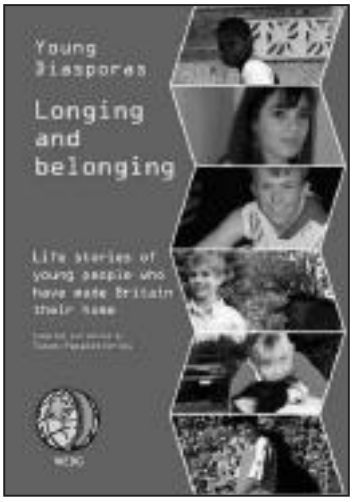
"They are normal kids who want to get on with life in a safe and inclusive society, who want to hold onto their own culture and background, but more than anything just want to be free to fulfil their potential."

Misconceptions

The 35-year-old, who lives in Whitstable, said although the children's stories are often about the racism and bullying they have experienced they also show their courage and optimism.

The book tells the stories of 18 young people who do normal things like go to school and college, want to meet girls or get boyfriends, but who have often seen and experienced things that adults and children here could not even imagine, he said.

The Athens-born teacher said people often have misconceptions or are ignorant about people or children that come to the UK from other countries.



INSIGHT: Mr Papadimitriou's new book

He said: "No one travels in the back of a lorry from Afghanistan to come here and claim benefits. They want to contribute things as much as everyone else – not live off the state and scrounge.

"We should do the decent thing and enable them to get an education and survive. The altruism and selflessness these children express is very different to what people think."

Mr Papadimitriou said that unaccompanied minors only receive very basic support from the state, including £45 a week, saying it was nothing compared to the benefits they get simply from being safe and being given the chance of an education.

The book is available from the World Education Development Group (Wedg) by visiting www.wedg.org.uk or call 01227 766 552 for more information.

Wedg is a charity based in Canterbury that works to enhance people's knowledge and understanding of the developing world.

CASE STUDIES

AZIZ travelled alone for four months in a lorry from Afghanistan to Birmingham to escape the fighting just over a year ago.

He struggled to find help and didn't understand English. But since coming to Canterbury three months ago he has started studying English at college so he can get a job, he said.

The 17-year-old said: "I don't go hungry anymore, but there isn't any money left to buy clothes. My shoes were torn and I didn't have money to get new ones for a long time."

His brother and father died of tuberculosis in Afghanistan and his mother remarried a man who "was not good to me", he said.

He told how, because there are no schools or colleges in his war-torn homeland, he is only now learning to read and write.

HALAT is from Iraqi Kurdistan and lives in Dover. The 14-year-old told how she was bullied for a while when she first went to school because "I wasn't English".

Her wish is for peace in Iraq and to go to university.

She said: "Here it's mostly English people and sometimes they don't treat you the same way. But I feel that I belong here. I'd like to get married and have children here, but my husband would have to be Iraqi, to have the same background and thinking as me.

"And when the children are older, I'd like to move back to Iraq. I don't want them to go through some of the things [bullying] I did."

SINAPOYA told how he fled Iran to escape its restrictive Islamic regime.

The 17-year-old was forced to leave behind his mother and sister in Tehran in order find freedom.

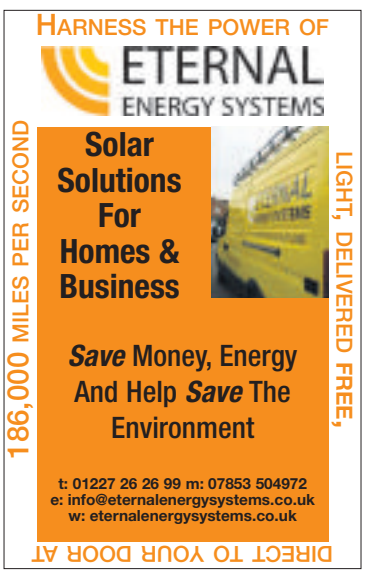
He said: "My dad works for the secret police and is very religious. I couldn't listen to music, I couldn't do anything.

"At school I was the top goal scorer in Tehran, but then my dad said the manager was no good, so I had to stop. If they don't like your clothes and your hair or see you looking at a girl the police can take you and beat you up."

Now living in Ashford he goes to college and nightclubs, but says he doesn't drink or smoke and plays the keyboard and drums.







A show of clean hands

KOS media CAMPAIGN 2008

Join our campaign to help reduce the spread of infection

By **JENNA PUDELEK**
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KOS Media today launches a major new campaign to promote hand hygiene at home, work, hospitals and healthcare centres across the county.

The award-winning publisher is working in partnership with our hard-working nurses, doctors and healthcare workers in the county's NHS in the fight against superbugs.

This move follows the devastating outbreaks of the killer bug Clostridium difficile in west Kent, which the health watchdog found was responsible for the deaths of at least 90 patients.

Priorities

Camilla Moore, the hospital co-ordinator at Eastern and Coastal Kent Primary Care Trust (PCT) said: "Reducing infection for vulnerable people is high on our list of priorities – but it doesn't matter how clean we keep our treatment areas if people don't join us in taking responsibility to stay clean and keep healthy.

"It's all about keeping our hands clean. So we all need to use the gels provided or wash our hands with soap and water before coming into contact with people who are unwell, elderly or very young."

KOS Media is working with NHS organisations across the county in the battle against poor hand hygiene.

Gary Turley, a paramedic for the South East Coast NHS Ambulance Trust, said there is bacteria present in all of us, which is normal and healthy, but can become dangerous when our immune systems are low through ill health.

"Our ambulance crews are able to prevent further spread of infection through deep cleaning and using the latest professional methods," he said.

"However, the vast majority of ill or vulnerable people are transported independently by relatives, friends or work colleagues, many of whom wouldn't even give a thought to washing their hands before helping them."



Mr Turley added: "In everyday life we should all strive to be hygienic in our homes and places of work, most especially when we have vulnerable people around us. Hand hygiene is vital and washing your hands with liquid soap and water is the most effective method. Hand cleaning gel is a good alternative."

Everyone visiting or supporting a sick relative either in hospital, a residential home or their own home must clean their hands before they come into contact with them, he urged.

Paul Stannard, managing director of KOS Media, said: "We are delighted to be working with the local NHS to raise awareness of the importance of hand hygiene.

"As a local media company we think it's our responsibility to support our local health service.

"If this campaign helps reduce the incidents of killer infections then it will have been a worthwhile exercise.

"We all have to be reminded of our responsibilities sometimes."

Posters, leaflets, articles, radio interviews and film clips will be spreading the campaign's message throughout the year and throughout the county.

Invicta FM has agreed to help KOS Media push the hand hygiene point.

Sarah Andrews, director of nursing at the Eastern and Coastal Kent PCT, said: "I made a commitment when I was appointed to this post last March to reduce the spread of healthcare acquired infections drastically in our area, and that's exactly what this campaign aims to do – I am delighted that KOS Media is working with us to help achieve this."

Look out for the pullout poster campaign that will be launched next week throughout KOS Media's titles.

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£53M SECURITAS RAID

As Tonbridge heist robbers begin long prison

Dramatic investigation

THE raid on the Securitas depot at Tonbridge – Britain's biggest-ever cash robbery – captured the public's imagination.

But the police officers that investigated the £53 million heist have warned against any romantic notions of the crime.

Detective Sergeant Andy Nicoll was the first member of the investigating team to get a call about the robbery.

"It is really important that people don't start thinking about the gang as Robin Hood characters," he said. "I do not recall Robin Hood kidnapping a child at gunpoint.

"We must remember the victims and what they have been through."

By JAMIE McGINNES
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DS Nicoll described his first impressions when he heard about the robbery.

"I was told there had been a kidnapping and a bit of money had been stolen, maybe as much as a million," he said. It was not until he reached the depot that he discovered just how much had been taken.

Detective Chief Inspector Nicky Kiell was working in Ashford when the Dixons were kidnapped on Tuesday, February 21 – a prelude to the robbery the next day.

Exhilarating

On Saturday, February 25 she was called and asked to join the investigating team. DCI Kiell was given the brief to look at Stuart Royle and later the inside man.

"This is the fastest moving inquiry I have ever worked on, with information coming in at an incredibly fast pace," she said. "It was exhilarating and very exciting."

But she added: "None of us involved in the investigation have ever lost sight of the human side of this crime. It is not just about the money."

PC Bob Kelly described the moment the people held hostage by the robbers at the depot saw CCTV footage of their ordeal.

"It was the first time they had seen the CCTV footage of the events within the depot on the night of the robbery," he said. "It was clearly very traumatic for them."

PC Brian Smith and DC Alastair Worton worked on the investigation as exhibits officers. This meant they were tasked with cataloguing the huge amount of evidence that was seized – 13,019 different items, not including the cash.

They were also responsible for ensuring it was all stored safely and that relevant bits made it to court.

DC Worton has previously worked as an exhibits officer on two other cases, but they paled into insignificance compared to the amount of work needed for the Securitas case.

"This one was immense," he said. "There was an incredible amount of exhibits, filling at least two rooms and a 40ft by 8ft shipping container.

"As an exhibits officer, this is the largest amount of exhibits I have had to deal with. I don't believe I will ever see anything of this magnitude for a very long time – if at all."

PC Smith and DC Worton describe the robbery investigation as "intense". PC Smith, who only finished his training as an exhibits officer a couple of weeks before the robbery, said: "At the beginning the exhibits were coming in thick and fast. We were working very long days just to get it all logged."

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TASK FORCE: (From left to right) Det Sgt Andy Nicoll (officer in the case), Det Ch Insp Nicky Keill (deputy senior investigating officer), Det Sgt Mark Cowens (disclosure officer), Det Con Alastair Worton (exhibits officer), Det Con Bob Kelly (statement reader from major incident room), PC Brian Smith (exhibits officer)

Family continues to pay for ordeal

THE victims of the Securitas gang have spoken out about their ordeal.

Depot manager Colin Dixon, his wife Lynn and their family have had to move away from their family home in Herne Bay and begin new lives abroad with new identities.

The gang kidnapped the Dixons and threatened them with death to force Mr Dixon to cooperate as they stole £53 million in cash.

Mrs Dixon, 46, told the Old Bailey: "We have had to leave our home we have lived in for 20 years.

"We have been relocated a number of times. We have been estranged from our family and friends. The consequences of what these people did have changed our lives completely"

She added: "It still horrifies me what those people did to my child. It's a horrific experience for a child."

Mr Dixon said after the raid: "The terror of what happened is with us every waking moment."

The family have been placed in the Witness Protection Scheme.

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sentences, police warn: 'They are not Robin Hood characters'

that snared gang



JAILED: (From left to right) Ermir Hysenaj, Jetmir Bucpapa, Lea Rusha, Roger Coutts and Stuart Royle received a maximum of 140 years

By **JAMIE McGINNES**
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A FILM telling the story of the £53 million Securitas raid is being made for Channel 4.

Oxford Films, the production company behind the 1995 Oscar-winning Restoration and 1998's Oscar-nominated Hilary and Jackie, is making a 90-minute drama about Britain's biggest-ever cash robbery.

Five men responsible for the February 2006 raid in Tonbridge have been given jail terms adding up to 140 years.

They were convicted this week of conspiracy to kidnap, conspiracy to rob and conspiracy to possess a firearm.

Patrick Forbes, of Oxford Films, is the proposed director of the drama.

He said a script for the film had been started, but the company was waiting for legal barriers to be removed before going further.

"I would imagine it will be between nine months and a year," he said.

"Until we know where we are legally we don't know what we can and can't dramatise."

The five men jailed this week were told by a judge they will serve a minimum of 70 years behind bars.

Stuart Royle, 49, of Allen Street, Maidstone, Lea Rusha, 35, of Lambersart Close, Southborough, Jetmir Bucpapa, 26, of Hadlow Road, Tonbridge, and Roger Coutts, 30, of The Green, Welling, will each serve a minimum of 15 years.

Emir Hysenaj, 28, of New Road, Crowborough, East Sussex, will serve a minimum of 10 years.

They had all denied conspiracy to kidnap, conspiracy to rob and conspiracy to possess firearms.

The judge recommended deportation for Bucpapa and Hysenaj, who are both Albanian, after they serve their sentences.

Dramatic CCTV images from the Securitas depot showed the robbers holding staff hostage as they loaded cash into the back of a lorry in the early hours of February 22.

Rusha was one of two gang members who dressed up as a police officer to kidnap the depot's manager Colin Dixon and then his family at gunpoint.

The Dixon family was taken to the depot and tied up, along with 14 terrified workers. The hostages were imprisoned in cash storage cages and warned by the gang that they knew where they lived.

Camera footage showed the robbers carrying guns including an AK47 assault rifle, Skorpion machine pistol and pump-action shotgun.

Hysenaj was the gang's inside man. The Securitas worker filmed inside the depot using a hi-tech video camera the size of a 50p coin, which was attached to his belt.

The robbery was stunning due to the huge amount of cash stolen – and it seems that the robbers themselves were taken aback at their haul. They left behind more than £150m because they couldn't fit anymore into their lorry.

Prosecutor Sir John Nutting said in court that the gang was driven by the lure of "luxury, ease and idleness".

The robbers were willing to target the "innocent and vulnerable" to achieve that goal, he said.

Kent Police's Chief Constable Mike Fuller said he was "delighted" with the jail terms given out this week.

He praised the response from the Kent public, which combined with good forensics work by his officers helped catch the five men.

Mr Fuller said: "Even though the robbery had been meticulously planned, it meant we could move far faster than the criminals thought we would.

"We were able to panic them into making mistakes that we were able to exploit."

He used a tactic developed while investigating gun crime in the capital to cause panic among the gang members.

"It's about transferring the fear," he said, "to ensure the criminals were in fear, not the victims."

He said police were following several leads to recover the missing money. £17million has been found but more than £32m of the stolen cash is still missing.

"The danger is that it could be used to fund other criminal activity, which obviously I don't want," said Mr Fuller.

Police suspect that Sean Lupton, 47, is thought to have fled to Cyprus with a chunk of the stolen cash.

The builder from Whitstable was originally arrested for conspiring to commit robbery, but was last seen in December 2006.

Detective Chief Inspector Mick Judge, who led Kent Police's investigation into the Securitas raid, said: "We do believe some of the money has gone with Lupton to Cyprus."

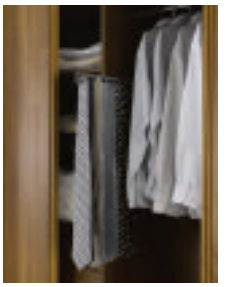
Mr Fuller said the five convictions demonstrated that "we can deal with large-scale complex investigations... and we have the resources and capability to do that".

The judge in the case this week praised officers, who he said investigated the robbery "with considerable skill, speed and resolution."

John Fowler, 59, of Chart Hill Road, Staplehurst, and Keith Borer, 54, of Hempstead Lane, Maidstone, were cleared of involvement in the robbery.

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Commuters count cost as rail firm is raking in over £1m each month

By PHIL REILLY
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TRAIN operator Southeastern has made more than £1 million in profit every month since it took over the rail franchise in 2006.

Figures obtained by Kent on Sunday show the company, which operates train services in and out of Kent, made a total of £17.8m in post-tax profit in its first 15 months up to June 30 last year.

Department for Transport projections also show that Southeastern was due to receive around £161m in taxpayer subsidies over the same period – more than £10m a month.

As well as the huge subsidies, the company introduced massive fare increases last month that saw some ticket prices rise by more than 10 per cent.

In the same period, Southeastern's revenue was nearly £687m, indicating the subsidies accounted for nearly a quarter of its income.

The company has come under fire from politicians, passenger groups and commuters in recent weeks for not providing value for money.

Roger Gale, Conservative MP for North Thanet, said he feared the figures indicated that passengers were to continue to "pay more and get less" in the years ahead.

He said: "The worrying thing about all this is that if they want to maintain this level of income they are going to have to milk the revenue from the fast link for all it's worth.

"Their subsidy is due to diminish year on year and they will want to make up the shortfall.

"If they are making that profit then the subsidy ought to be going into improving the service. We have not seen any great improvements, certainly not in east Kent."

Mr Gale asked the Department for Transport last month what percentage of the company's income came from subsidies. Minister Tom Howard responded that the information was "commercially sensitive".

Mr Gale said the department "had not been forthcoming" and suggested the Government may have found the result "embarrassing" because it highlighted people were "paying more for less".

Last week, KoS revealed Southeastern to be one of the worst rail firms in the country – 17th out of 21 – for customer satisfaction.

Investment

A survey by Passenger Focus, conducted before the fares increased last month, showed that more than a third of Southeastern customers felt they were not getting value for money.

Since publishing the story, KoS has been inundated with comments from weary commuters.

Peter Gillard-Moss, from West Malling, wrote to say that he wouldn't mind Southeastern making large profits if he could see evidence of investment.

He said: "Unfortunately there is none, despite more and more development in Kent the services are just becoming more and more overcrowded.

"Also, as a daily commuter to London, I have never seen a survey go out at peak times, but have received three when I have taken the train at obscure hours of the weekend."

Ian Rashbrook, from Swanley, blamed the Conservatives for privatising the railways.

He said: "It is a bit rich to hear Kent Tories criticising the lack of accountability and the profits of train operators like Southeastern.

"In case they have forgotten, British Rail operated Network South East without subsidy. InterCity and rail freight made profits. Only the rural network operated by Regional Railways required taxpayer support."

Ray Jones, from Cuxton, said his £69 monthly early bird ticket to London from Sidcup has been scrapped, meaning he now has to pay £109.

He added: "I have no choice other than to travel on Southeastern trains. When I get my train home from Cannon Street, I often see numerous Southeastern platform staff standing around chatting.

"It seems that possibly reducing staffing levels at large London stations could result in savings that – perish the thought – could be passed on to the consumer."

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Censorship board is attacked by MP over DVD nasties

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PARLIAMENT and the public should have more powers to ban films featuring violent and sexual material, a Conservative MP has urged.

Julian Brazier has called for stricter controls over what films and video games can be bought in shops and said there had been a marked increase in the amount of "ghastly" content over the past few years.

"I think we need to focus on the link between these ghastly videos and films and violence," said the MP for Canterbury and Whitstable.

"The fact is that if people, not even youngsters, watch a diet of hard porn and violence they are more likely to go out and commit violent offences. There is clear statistical evidence," he said.

Mr Brazier was very critical of the British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) and the way it is run and how it determines the entertainment that is available to the public.

In a Private Member's Bill, he has set out plans to make the BBFC more accountable to Parliament – through the Home Affairs select committee – and members of the public, who would be able to appeal against BBFC decisions.

The move has been met with resistance from the censor, industry figures and advocates of freedom of expression.

Derek Malcolm, a leading film critic, said: "I think the censorship board is doing a pretty good job and its remit should not be changed. I completely disagree with what he wants."

Mr Malcolm, who lives in Deal, said he agreed that there was too much needless violence in films, but did not believe the answer was to ban them.

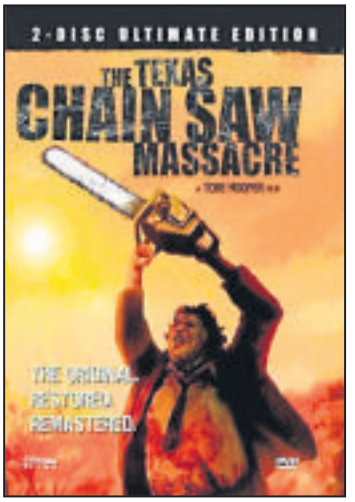
He added: "This is extraordinarily reactionary. I don't really believe people copy what they see in the movies."

The writer said if people were incensed about a certain film and its content and kicked up enough fuss it would put pressure on the BBFC to force changes to a film's content.

A spokeswoman for the BBFC said Mr Brazier's concerns over the appointment of the board's president and vice president were addressed by the fact the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport already has to approve the appointments under the Video Recording Act 1984.

"We are very tough on violence and things which are likely to be copied by people," said the spokeswoman.

"Guidelines are drawn up through public consultation. It has very clearly shown that adults want to be able to choose their own entertainment – provided it is not illegal or harmful.





EXPLICT: Horror films such as The Texas Chainsaw Massacre and SS Experiment Camp were once banned but are now available to buy in high street stores around the UK

Cannibal

"It is difficult to turn around in the 21st century and say you cannot watch this."

Recent media reports have focused on the fact that SS Experiment Camp – a film which was previously banned in the UK – is now available to buy in shops.

The low-budget 1970s film shows Holocaust victims forced to have sex with Nazi commandants and face torture and death if they refuse to collaborate.

Mr Brazier, who has seen the film, said: "It is tacky and poorly made and I'd be the first to say it's unrealistic, but the fact is there are scenes that show the torture of women and in a way that potential rapists would find the torture scenes sexy.

"We have got to accept the fact we've become conditioned to violence in society and these DVDs and films are playing an important role in that."

The BBFC spokeswoman pointed out that the film had been available since 2005.

She added: "It is extremely tasteless and risible. It is not something we needed to intervene on.

"The film's been out there a number of years and there's no evidence that anyone has been harmed or influenced by it," she said.

She added: "To prevent adults from choosing their own entertainment to prevent a small proportion having access is an extreme move to make."

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Obscene videos that shocked the nation

SS EXPERIMENT Camp is a prime example of a genre of films known as video nasties that sparked a moral panic across Britain in the late 1970s and early 80s.

Although violence in the cinema had been a concern for many years, the lack of censorship rules for videos raised fears they were falling into the hands of children.

The outcry surrounding the films, which included Cannibal Holocaust, I Spit On Your Grave, Driller Killer and The Texas Chainsaw Massacre, led to the introduction of the Video Recordings Act 1984.

Under the legislation many of the films were banned.

But society's views about what constitutes obscenity and what is suitable for public consumption have since liberalised.

This has meant the BBFC has been able to relax its guidelines – most significantly in response to a public consultation in 2000.

A string of video nasties have been re-released. But some, such as Love Camp 7 which like SS involves Nazis raping and torturing women, remain banned.

A governing body but only in word

THE BBFC was established in 1912.

The board recommended certain cuts to be made in films in order for them to pass certification levels.

It was then up to local authorities to decide whether or it would be shown in their areas.

When The Exorcist was released in 1973, enterprising cinema managers organised buses to transport film fans to other picture houses where the film was not banned.

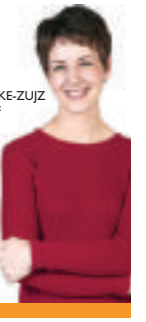
Statutory powers on film remain with local authorities, which can overrule any of the board's decisions – for example passing films they have banned or rejecting those passed.

The film industry itself formed the BBFC.

It has remained an independent, non-governmental organisation and is financed from the fees it charges for classifying films and videos.

It is run on a not-for-profit basis.

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County Hall hopes to be stargazing

KENT County Council is awaiting the findings of a pivotal inspection by the public spending watchdog.

The Audit Commission's annual Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) for local authorities will be published this Thursday.

A spokesman for the commission explained how the CPA ratings pull together the results from a range of assessments carried out by the watchdog, including use of resources, and the findings of other inspectorates – such as Ofsted – to provide a complete picture of how well a council is performing.

The highest priority is given to level one services, which includes education, and performing badly on these can impact on a council's overall star rating, he said.

Under the leadership of Cllr Paul Carter and chief executive Peter Gilroy, KCC was awarded the highest CPA star rating of four for 2006. They will be hoping to maintain that status.

Stephen Mead, who is the commission's area performance lead for Kent, co-ordinated KCC's star ratings inspections.

Finances

The commission is responsible for ensuring public money is spent economically, efficiently and effectively.

This week, it was revealed that Kent was among the 40 best financially managed councils in the country in the commission's use of resources report.

Inspectors rated councils for their management of finances, financial reporting and standing.



Reorganisation of 11-plus faces a testing time

PLANS to move the 11-plus exam forward by three months have sparked objections from schools and campaigners who claim it will disadvantage poorer pupils.

By **PHIL REILLY**
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Currently 10 and 11 year-olds sit the Kent Test in January and must apply for secondary school places before they receive their results.

Under new plans by Kent County Council, children would sit the exams at the start of the school year in September, allowing parents to know the results before applying to secondary schools.

Cllr Mark Dance, Kent County Council's cabinet member for schools, said allowing parents to know their child's results before applying to secondary schools would give them greater choice.

He also said it would cause less disruption to the school year than sitting the tests in January.

Of the 65 secondary school authorities that responded to a KCC consultation, 22, including three grammar schools, raised objections. Three of these later withdrew their objections.

A common complaint among these schools was that children whose parents could not afford private tuition over the summer holidays would be put at a disadvantage.

Others argued that children, especially boys, were not fully developed in September, and there would be added stress and emotional pressure on children at the end of Year Five.

Martin Frey, spokesman for anti-grammar school campaign group Stop the Eleven Plus, said the policy would be "at the expense of children from more deprived backgrounds".

He said: "All children go backwards during the summer holidays because they are less in the habit of school. The better-off parents will overcome that by some intensive coaching.

"I suspect one result of the change will be fewer children of poorer backgrounds at grammar schools."

He said it would ruin the summer holidays of many children because they will be more stressed.

The proposal to move the exam forward prompted many responses on our website, www.kentnews.co.uk.

Barbaric

Linda Casey, from Maidstone, said: "Kent is now encouraging parents to make decisions when a child is nine years old, further reinforcing the social divisions in state-funded education in Kent as the wealthy will buy 'success' through summer schools and private tuition.

"There is no educational justification for this, no legal obligation to do so and it is frankly barbaric."

Christine Angell, from Dartford, commented: "I hope the plans for bringing the 11-plus selection test forward to September are reconsidered. It is unrealistic for youngsters and their parents to go through the trauma of this test just after their summer break.

"For some children no doubt their summer will be spent in 'crammer' classes, rather than having the well-deserved break they need. Childhood is short enough, we should not add yet more stress at the beginning of a new school year. Better still – why not do away with it altogether?"

Peter Read, the independent Kent education advisor, said the move to give families choice before results was "a very good thing" but he raised concerns about the timing of tests so soon after the summer holidays.

The former headteacher said: "All research shows that there is a falling off in children's progress over the long summer holiday and it often takes a month or more to recover it.

"Unfortunately, what will happen is those parents who arrange private tuition for their children will take this up in a concentrated form over the summer (poor children), thus widening the gap with the majority (I think) who don't or can't take up tuition.

"The local authority does not approve of schools coaching for the 11-plus for a whole host of good reasons, so un-coached children are at a double disadvantage.

"Medway has solved the problem by testing in November, but I understand it is impossible for KCC to go down this route because of its need to liaise with other local authorities to offer places in March."

Cllr Dance played down the concerns and said pupils would not need private tuition to do well in the exams.

He said: "In the last couple of weeks of the holidays children just need 20 minutes or half an hour a day of revision, just to get them mentally back into it.

"What's happening at the moment is there is a huge amount of tutoring in west Kent compared to east Kent. It is going on as we speak, although I wouldn't like to speculate as to why that is."

He added that a child's mental development should not be an issue because all children would still be tested at the same time.

He also said that students were in a "world market" and argued that parents in China and India were keen to get their children to "get in and study".

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KILLER: King Leopold II

Geldof sporting 'brutal' medal

SIR Bob Geldof has been spotted wearing what appeared to be a medal created by a king whose regime killed millions of Africans.

The multi-millionaire anti-poverty campaigner from Faversham wore the Order of Leopold II, among other medals, at a society event in Vienna last week.

King Leopold II was the King of Belgium who led the colonisation of what was then the Congo Free State in the late 19th century.

The regime used forced labour to harvest rubber in the central African nation, and has been blamed for the deaths of as many as 10 million Congolese men and women.

It was brutal in the way it pursued its aims, with raping and pillaging common practice among soldiers who often cut off the right hands of natives who did not meet their rubber quotas.

Mr Geldof, whose grandfather emigrated to Ireland from Belgium, was given the award from the Belgian government for his work to help starving Africans.

He had previously criticised Leopold II and has avoided wearing the medal in public.

To sit or not to sit, that was our exam question

By JULIE MADDOCKS
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I READ last Sunday the report that the 11-plus exam may be moved to September with mixed feelings, and on seeing some of your reaction to the news, I realise that I'm not alone.

Being the mum of two lads who had to go through the process a few years ago, I really sympathise with those parents, and more importantly children, who are facing what I can only call a rather horrific ordeal.

In our experience of having two children who are completely different academically, the nightmare begins when the decision has to be made if they are to sit the test or not.

The stigma that was felt when our eldest boy had decided not to take the exam was immense. But then weighing that up against the pressure of the youngest, who did choose to take it, I'm really not sure on reflection whether either choice is a particularly nice one to make.

The entire selection process to us was quite harrowing, with the future of our child's education hanging in the balance.

Ludicrous

It all depended on the name of the school we put at the top of a piece of paper. Not knowing his test results we were faced with the dilemma of which school to choose. The selection procedure meant that if we put down a grammar school as our first choice, then that would totally eliminate the chance of any other, as we saw it, appropriate choice of school for him.

With our children born in July and August, we were acutely aware of the continuous catch up that these younger 'summer babies' seemed to have thrust upon them through their entire education. So the thought of a September exam sitting of the 11-plus would terrify me.

I couldn't agree more with the comment that Linda Casey of Maidstone made on our website, www.kentnews.co.uk, when she pointed out that parents are now being encouraged to make decisions when a child is as young as nine years old. As she suggests – and I know from fellow parents of my boys' primary school – they feel pressured to 'buy' success for their child through summer schools and private tuition.

As Michael Jones of Ashford says, "children get out of the habit of school work during the long summer holiday, it is incredibly difficult to get children back to the thought process of learning after such a long break".

Of course it makes perfect sense that parents and children alike should make the informed decision of which school to choose, once they are armed with the results of the test. Making that decision without knowing the outcome of the exam always struck me as ludicrous.

So, when should the children take the test? Is January too late, and September too early? Not knowing sufficiently about the system in detail, I would not claim to have the answer, but surely there has to be simple solution.

Forgive me, but why couldn't the system that I grew up with here in Kent be reinstated?



DILEMMA: Yourkenttv presenter Julie Maddocks and her sons, Matt (left) and Mike Thompsett faced difficult decisions

Every single one of us sat the 11-plus, with no-one given the opportunity to opt out, and it was simply seen as another part of primary school education. Surely then the pressure of deciding would be lifted, and the stigma or whether a child did decide to sit the test or not would be gone.

Selective

I wouldn't want to appear hypocritical, when my children have indeed chosen the path of selective education. Matt attends a local Catholic comprehensive here in the county, and Mike is at a boys' grammar school. But believe me, it was not an easy choice for either boy and, I can assure you, not one I would ever like to repeat.

Oh, and by the way, yes I did take my 11-plus – and no, I didn't pass.

• ***Do you agree with Julie? Let us know, by emailing julie.maddocks@kosmedia.co.uk.***

Eco tutors needed

A CONSERVATION charity has called for people to come forward to help with the education programme at its wildlife park.

Wildwood Trust near Canterbury needs tutors to get involved with a range of activities from showing youngsters how to howl like wolves to teaching woodland ecology to sixth formers.

Laura Hester, the trust's education officer, said: "We are looking for people who have some spare time even if it is just one day a week.

"We are not necessarily looking for people who are experts though a good general knowledge of British wildlife or experience working with children would be an advantage."

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Attack on drinking culture

THE Government's introduction of 24-hour drinking has made the streets less safe – according to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Dr Rowan Williams hit out at Labour's policy saying there had been a failure to tackle Britain's culture of binge drinking – evidence of which he said was rife in the cathedral city.

He said: "I think it has had an effect of making less safe and less civil our public space in many, many contexts including Canterbury.

"There is a whole culture of alcohol abuse which this country has failed to tackle and the 24-hour drinking thing is just the tip of the iceberg."

His outcry has come as a blow to the Prime Minister Gordon Brown who is going to announce that round-the-clock drinking is here to stay.

Only minor changes will be made to the 24-7 licensing laws, reports have said.

But the Archbishop's comments reflect the findings of a recent crime report.

Drink-related offences rose by 64,000 to 1,087,000 in the first full year of the new law being in force, the British Crime Survey found.

The Government's original intention in introducing the law was that Britain would develop the kind of café culture found across the Continent.

In an interview to mark the fifth anniversary of his enthronement he also spoke out against plans to combine the DNA of humans and animals in the hope of creating new treatments for diseases such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's.

Dr Williams went on to talk about Muslim and Christian relations and commented on the Bishop of Rochester Dr Michael Nazir-Ali's claim that Islamic extremists had created "no-go areas" for non-Muslims.

He said: "The phrase gives a very unfortunate impression… a lot of Muslims will say well there are no-go areas for us in British society, in some ways, so if the question is about how do we overcome mutual isolation, that is a very good question."



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FIVE leading artists have been shortlisted to compete for a sculpture commission worth £2 million. The 150ft-high Ebbsfleet Landmark will be paid for by Eurostar, London and Continental Railways and Land Securities.

It will perch on a hilltop over the Ebbsfleet Valley and organisers hope it will become the South's version of Antony Gormley's iconic Angel of the North.

The artists are Rachel Whiteread, Mark Wallinger, Christopher Le Brun, Richard Deacon and Daniel Buren.

The Lord Lieutenant of Kent, Allan Willett, said it would "make a decisive contribution to Kent."



Picture: BBC



STORYTELLER: Monty Don at the famous Sissinghurst Gardens

Monty tells story behind county's garden paradise

THE beloved garden where aristocratic lesbian writer Vita Sackville-West found freedom and inspiration has been praised as one of the finest in the world in a major new television series.

By **JENNA PUDELEK**
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Sissinghurst Gardens feature in Monty Don's Around the World in 80 Gardens. In the BBC2 series, the gardening guru takes in a wide-ranging variety of horticultural wonders from around the world.

He said: "I am always more interested in people than plants. Nature doesn't make gardens, people make gardens. And the story of a garden is always the story of a person."

Perhaps this is why he chose Sissinghurst with its fascinating and intriguing history.

The husband and wife team of Harold Nicolson and Sackville-West created the world-famous gardens in the 1930s. Sackville-West was part of the Bloomsbury Group of writers and artists and enjoyed an open marriage with Nicolson, a politician and journalist. Both were bisexual.

In the 1930s they designed and created the celebrated gardens at the castle in the heart of the Garden of England.

While Nicolson designed the layout it was Sackville-West who cultivated the garden and it has become known in the main as hers.

Alexis Datta, the head gardener, told this newspaper: "In the 1930s it was very innovative and new and it is still really beautiful and vibrant.

"Their influences will never go from here. Preserving the garden is an important part of my job and I work to keep its spirit alive without making into a museum. Because of the nature of gardening it does change but it is very much the spirit of the place we are trying to keep alive."



VISION: Vita Sackville-West loved Sissinghurst Gardens



Tory candidate's 'brief encounter' with Labour

A CONSERVATIVE parliamentary candidate has denied reports she tried to stand for the Labour Party in an election two years ago.

Helen Grant, who was chosen last week as Ann Widdecombe's successor to defend the Maidstone and Weald seat, said claims she had put herself forward as a Labour council candidate in Croydon were false.

She said: "It is absolutely not true. I did not even fill out an application form.

"They [the Labour Party] were really trying to recruit me. I looked over an application form in 2004, but I never completed it."

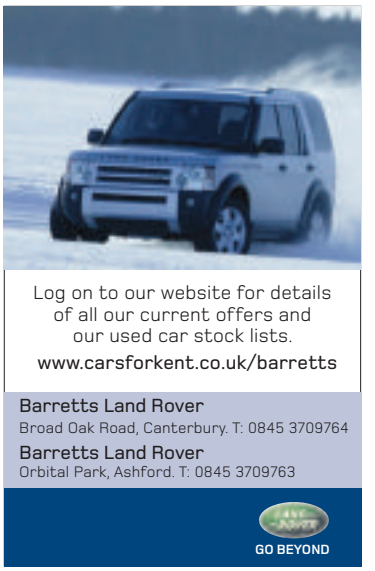
Mrs Grant admitted she had been a member of the Reigate and Banstead branch of the Labour Party from mid-2004 and that the Conservative Party had always known about her previous political affiliation.

The family lawyer was accused of allowing Labour campaigners to use her company offices in Croydon for six-months in the approach to the 2005 general election.

"It is completely untrue. I can say that two people came in on one occasion in 2004, but they never returned.

"The [Tory] party has always known of my brief involvement in the Labour party," she said.

Mrs Grant, who was brought up by a single mother on a council estate in Carlisle, stands to become Kent's – and the Conservative's – first black female MP.



Schools face shortages of male teachers

THREE quarters of new teachers starting work in Kent schools are women – raising fears that could children lack male role models in the classroom.

New figures reveal 492 out of 671 newly qualified teachers (73 per cent) starting work in Kent and Medway primaries and secondaries last year were women.

In 2006, 517 out of 663 new teachers were female (78 per cent) and in 2005, 510 out of 678 were women (75 per cent).

Rupert Bristow, director of education for the Diocese of Canterbury, said he was concerned about the figures, which were obtained by Kent on Sunday using the Freedom of Information Act.

He said: "The statistics are worrying, but not surprising in an era of relatively full employment and when the vocation to teach may be offset by the added pressures and perceived vulnerability of being a teacher today.

"I would encourage both men and women with the calling and enthusiasm to teach to persevere in their vocation, as we need a good mix of gifts and role models in all our schools."

At schools run by Kent County Council, most of the women teachers

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starting work last year were at primary schools (233, compared with 41 men).

There was more of a balance between male and female starters at KCC's secondary schools, which took on 107 women teachers and 68 men.

Cllr Mark Dance, KCC's cabinet member for education operations, resources and skills, said: "We know there is an issue with the numbers of male teachers at primary schools.

Man's work

"This is a national issue and something the Department for Children, Schools and Families and the Training and Development Agency are fully aware of and are addressing."

KCC sent delegates to Northern Ireland last month to encourage teachers to consider working at schools in Kent.

A spokesman for Medway Council said one of the historic reasons that more women have become primary school teachers is because it has not been seen as a 'man's job'.

The council is working with Canterbury Christchurch University to run taster days for male graduates interested in primary school teaching, to encourage them to apply for teacher training.

"The reasons that there are more women in teaching are varied," said the spokesman.

"One is that traditionally primary teaching was not viewed as a 'man's job', although this attitude is slowly changing.

"Also, women are more attracted to teaching as the working hours fit in with childcare arrangements, which are generally still left to women.

"Historically, men could earn more in industry than in teaching."

All newly qualified teachers, men or women, start on the same salary and are paid on the same salary scale throughout their career.

The Training and Development Agency for Schools launched a national campaign on Thursday designed to recruit more than 36,000 teachers. The agency said that graduates entering the profession could now expect a salary of more than £20,000, rising to £34,000.

They are given £5,000 if they choose a 'priority subject', such as maths or science. Tax-free bursaries of up to £9,000 are being offered to people studying for a teaching qualification.

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Prince takes the Tube

THE Duke of Kent ventured into the East End of London last week – and travelled on the Tube.

The first cousin of the Queen opened the newly renovated world famous boxing venue York Hall in Hackney.

His use of the London Underground – travelling 10 stops – to visit one of the less salubrious parts of the capital earned a plaudit from commentators.

The gossip columnist Tim Walker wrote: "Jacqui Smith, the Home Secretary, may not feel safe wandering the streets of London's East End – even presumably with her armed protection officers by her side – but the Duke of Kent would appear to be made of sterner stuff.

"It is believed to be the first time in 30 years that the duke had travelled on the Underground, but he clearly had no problem sharing a carriage with the hoi polloi."

Buckingham Palace said it was not without precedent for a member of the Royal Family to travel by public transport.

Prince Edward, 72, is a grandson of George V and is 24th in line to the throne. He became Duke of Kent following the death of his father, Prince George, in 1942.

He is married to Katharine Worsley, the Duchess of Kent.

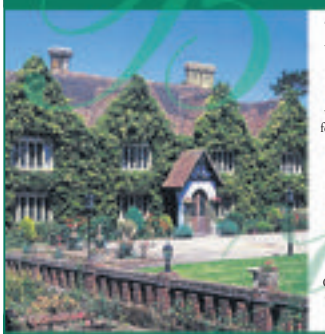
Geraint talk

KENT and England cricket star Geraint Jones was the guest of honour at Thanet College's annual prize giving ceremony. As well as handing out the awards and certificates, he gave a speech about his life.

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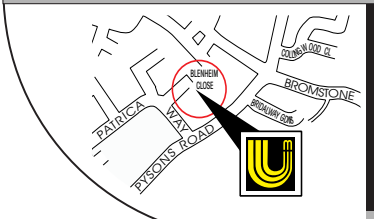
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Is that phone call really worth it?



We've all heard the warnings about driving while using a handheld mobile phone, but there are still drivers out there flouting the law and risking the lives of themselves and other road users. Kent Police are particularly active looking for these selfish and irresponsible drivers.

Did you know that using a handheld mobile phone while driving means your reaction times are 30% slower than someone driving at the drink drive limit?

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Unfortunately, hands-free isn't the answer. Even using a hands-free kit will impair your response times to a greater degree than someone at the drink drive limit.

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PIPKIN makes it clear

At Kent Highway Services, we're continually looking for ways to improve travel and transport in Kent and to make the best use of the funding and resources available to us.

A new system called PIPKIN has been introduced to help us do just that in a more efficient and balanced way. PIPKIN is a computer programme that helps us to appraise and prioritise local transport improvement schemes. It's one of four stages that we go through to produce a list of schemes that will be implemented during the year.

The first stage of this process is identifying schemes for consideration. If you have an idea for a scheme in your area, you should contact your local Parish/Town Council first. This is an important step to make sure that requests reflect the wider view of the parish. Suggestions also come from County and District Members and district councils. We then liaise with those making the request and a PIPKIN assessment form is completed.

Using the details of the assessment, PIPKIN checks how effectively each suggested scheme delivers against local, regional and national aims. The assessments are checked for consistency and accuracy and then compared on a countywide scale. This results in a priority list for our officers to recommend for approval.



The final stage is the list being approved by the Cabinet Member for Environment, Highways and Waste.

By adding PIPKIN to the process, we can be confident that we're using our available funds and resources on the schemes that make the biggest contribution towards improving travel and transport in Kent and therefore make the biggest difference to you.

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Travel Update

Below are roadworks and events that may cause some disruptions. Please remember that these are planned works and other emergency works may be required.

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Current	19.3.08	A20 London Road, West Kingsdown	Temporary traffic lights – new water mains

Canterbury

Start	Finish	Road	Reason
Current	14.4.08	Broad Oak Road, Canterbury	Road closure – new gas mains

Dartford

Start	Finish	Road	Reason
Current	12.6.08	Lowfield Street, Dartford	Temporary traffic lights – new water mains

Maidstone

Start	Finish	Road	Reason
4.2.08	8.2.08	Thorn Road, Marden	Road closure – resurfacing works

Tunbridge Wells

Start	Finish	Road	Reason
4.2.08	13.2.08	B2017 Five Oak Green Road, Tudeley	Temporary traffic lights – pavement works

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JAZZ ON A WINTER DAY: These stills of Hamish Stuart and his band Jimjam are taken from a film of Sunday's performance you can watch on the leisure channel at Yourkenttv.co.uk

Music business big names turn out to back guitarist pub owner

A GROUP of musicians who have played with legends such as The Who, Paul McCartney and Paul Simon thrilled a crowd packed into a pub in the village of Oare, near Faversham.

Jimjam played a selction of improvised jazz-rock tunes and had the audience of several hundred dancing as much as they could among the crush in the Three Mariners inn.

Hamish Stuart, who toured the world with the Average White Band, recently purchased the pub and some of his superstar friends from the worlds of rock and jazz have came along to play with him as part of the band he formed many years ago in a garage.

Playing were jazz guitarist Jim Mullen,

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star bassist Pino Palladino who has just finished touring with The Who, drummer Ian Thomas, the catalyst of the band as they used to play in his garage, and keyboard player Graham Harvey of soul jazz favourites Incognito.

"It's great to get all the guys together to play," said Mr Stuart who spent years touring with Paul McCartney and has also been recently playing with ex-Beatles' Ringo Starr's Allstar Band.

"But I am also really enjoying running the pub. Making records and writing songs is a sedentary sort of thing but this is pretty active.

"I'm in and out of the cellar like a crazy man. I have to make sure the beer is okay and take the dishes back."

Mr Stuart said he was proud of the band he has bought together.

"It's quite a team – something we got together initially to test out our drummer's garage as he had put a little eight track in there.

"It was six years ago we recorded our first album and our second seems to be taking almost eight. But Pino has been away – with The Who, Paul Simon and playing and touring with D'Angelo.

"We tend to lose him for 18 months or two years but hopefully he'll be back for a bit."

Mr Stuart said he and his band love playing small venues.

"After all it is where we started, village halls, church halls, pubs and clubs and there is an instant connection with the audience.

"They are a few feet away instead of 30 feet so you can see every face," he said.

As well as priding itself on the food offered, with a varied menu accompanied by wines and beers, Mr Stuart and wife Claire enjoy their surroundings.

"We love Kent," he said. "You can turn a corner and find the most amazing places, orchards with roads weaving through them.

"I enoy it all – all is part of life's rich tapestry. Our chef will say when I come in with dirty plates 'it's a far cry from the Maracana or Shea Stadium' but I love it."

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The death of a misunderstood comedy genius

Stars pay tribute to TV prankster

By **PHIL REILLY**
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SOME of the biggest names in British television have paid tribute to much-loved presenter Jeremy Beadle, who died this week from pneumonia.

Mr Beadle, who grew up in Kent, died in north London on Wednesday aged 59.

The star of hit shows Game for a Laugh, Pop the Question, Beadle's About and You've Been Framed, was raised by his mother, aunt and grandmother in the Petts Wood estate near Bromley and he attended Orpington County Secondary Boys' School.

At the time of his death he was battling leukaemia and had only recently recovered from kidney cancer.

Among the big name stars who have paid tribute to the TV prankster are Max Clifford, Henry Kelly, Noel Edmonds, Carol Vorderman, Alan Sugar, Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan.

As well as his career in front of the camera, Mr Beadle was also a renowned fundraiser for leukaemia charities and has been credited with raising as much as £100 million.

Mr Clifford, a publicist and close friend, said: "He was someone who has helped to save thousands of young lives thanks to his tireless work for sufferers of leukaemia."

Mr Kelly, who was his co-host on their 80s hidden camera show Game for a Laugh, added: "Jeremy and I were firm friends for nearly 30 years. I loved and admired him and I shall miss him desperately."

One-time ratings rival Noel Edmonds said he was shocked to hear of Mr Beadle's death.

He said: "It is a sad loss for TV and a great shame that a new audience have lost Jeremy Beadle. We enjoyed a friendly rivalry over the years when I was doing the Late Late Breakfast Show and he was hosting Game for a Laugh.

"He was a consummate professional but also a greatly misunderstood man – a great TV talent who was never truly appreciated.

"I was always astonished at his ability to raise funds for charity. Nobody in showbusiness raised more money than him."

Carol Vorderman, who worked with Beadle on Countdown, said: "He often came onto dictionary corner on Countdown. He always did a lot of work, a lot of prep for the show.

"He just loved all kinds of information. You could ask him about anything and he would know about it."

Richard and Judy added that they would remember him with "great fondness", while Mr Sugar, a close friend, described him as "one of the greatest comedy talents of our generation".

Mr Beadle, who was given an MBE in 2001, leaves a wife, Sue, two daughters, Cassie and Bonnie, and two stepchildren, Leo and Claire.



GAME FOR A LAUGH: Jeremy Beadle

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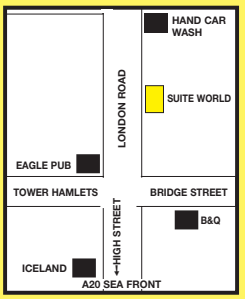
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GPs slash £5m from the NHS medicines bill

PRESCRIBING non-branded drugs has saved the NHS in west Kent £5 million this year.

With the backing of West Kent Primary Care Trust (PCT), GPs are using cheaper alternatives to branded medications for 82 per cent of prescriptions.

The money saved means funds are freed up for drugs such as Herceptin to treat breast cancer, anti-TNFs for rheumatoid arthritis and other newer drugs for which there is not yet alternative, the PCT said.

Anne Bretherton, the PCT's assistant director medicines management and chief pharmacist, said: "We are very proud of what our GPs are managing to achieve with our help.

"We targeted 12 specific areas of prescribing this year in which we felt we could achieve better value without compromising patient care.

"The PCT Medicines Management team worked with practices that were prescribing higher levels of branded drugs and encouraged them to actively switch patients where appropriate."

Nationally, £8 billion a year, which is around a quarter of all NHS spending on primary care, is spent on drugs and the costs and amounts being prescribed are increasing.

The Public Accounts Committee has called GPs nationwide to look at what drugs they are prescribing and how many.

Edward Leigh, the committee's chair and the Tory MP for Gainsborough, said: "The NHS spends each year at least £200m more than it should as a result of GPs prescribing too high a proportion of higher cost, branded medicines – rather than generic versions which are cheaper, but no less effective in clinical outcomes.

"The fact that PCTs vary hugely in the extent to which their GPs prescribe generic drugs for common conditions shows what can be achieved."

MPs rally to defend the employment of family members,

Commons family affair is 'good for our constituents'

By **PHIL REILLY**
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THREE Kent MPs who employ their wives have defended the practice of paying family members to work for them.

Labour MPs Paul Clark and Stephen Ladyman employ their wives Julie and Janet to run their constituency offices, whereas Conservative Roger Gale employs his spouse Suzy as a part-time secretary.

Audit process

MPs are under no obligation to publicly reveal who they employ, but the three from Kent are among 63 members to openly admit to having a family member on the pay roll.

Dr Ladyman, MP for South Thanet, said his wife "works tirelessly" for his constituents.

He said: "It is very common for MPs to employ either wives or sons or daughters. Quite a lot of MPs do it and I don't think there's anything wrong with it.

"My wife works very, very hard on behalf of the constituents, everything is above board.

"Roger Gale's wife works very hard and both she and Janet are very qualified. Wouldn't it be ridiculous if his wife had to work for me and Janet had to work for him?

"I would welcome an audit process whereby the contracts and job descriptions are passed on to the House authority."

Mr Gale was also in favour of auditing and argued that banning employment of family members would be impractical.

He said: "What if an MP employed his mistress or gay partner? How do you police it? You can't."

Mr Clark said he was against any more levels of bureaucracy being introduced.

He said: "It would be wrong to penalise and to set up further rules and regulations because of one rogue person who has abused the system."

The chairman of the committee on standards in public life, Sir Christopher Kelly, this week suggested a ban on MPs employing family members could be "the right thing to do".

He claimed the Conway case was "a very serious breach of parliamentary rules" and said it "further undermines public trust in our politicians".

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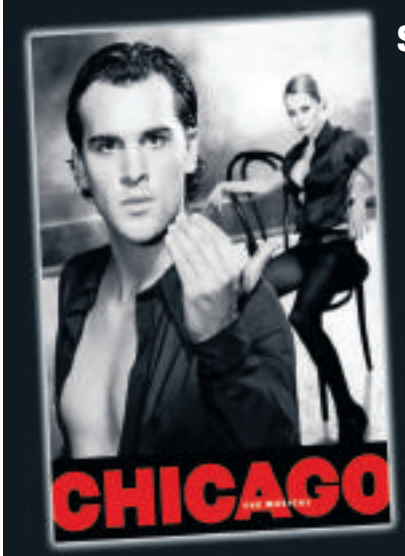




RELATIVE VALUES: Roger Gale and his wife Suzy (top), Stephen Ladyman, (middle) and Paul Clarke (bottom)

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while one Tory faces banishment to political wilderness

End of the road for MP

By **PHIL REILLY**
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A KENT MP's political career lies in tatters after a week that has seen him cast out by his party and facing a possible police investigation.

Derek Conway, the MP for Old Bexley and Sidcup, had the whip withdrawn by Conservative Party after it was revealed he had paid thousands of pounds of taxpayers' money to his son Frederick.

Mr Conway has also announced he will not seek re-election.

Over more than three years, Frederick was paid more than £44,000 in salary and bonuses while studying full time at Newcastle University. He was paid a salary of nearly £12,000 a year, supposedly for working 17-hour weeks, and received more than £6,000 in bonuses that exceeded parliamentary rules.

A report by the House of Commons Standards and Privileges Committee this week stated Frederick had been "all but invisible" during his time on his father's payroll.

It said: "This arrangement was, at the least, an improper use of Parliamentary allowances: at worst it was a serious diversion of public funds. Our view is that the reality may well be somewhere between the two."

Questions have also been raised about the previous employment of Mr Conway's elder son Henry in a similar role, as well as the permanent employment of his wife Colette as his secretary.

KOS Media revealed in October that Mr Conway was the most expensive MP in Kent, racking up a £140,943 expenses bill in 2006-07. This included his staff costs, which included payments to his son, and £22,060 for a second home in London, despite his constituency being just 12 miles from Westminster.

Second home

Speaking to our reporter in October, Mr Conway was curt when questioned about his high expenses bill. He said he was "entitled" to his second home, and that "most MPs have one".

He said: "I'm surprised I have claimed the most in Kent, although I consider myself a London rather than a Kent MP, because I do not spend my full allowance.

"What is never reported is when someone has to halve their salary to become an MP. I was the chief executive of quite a big outfit."

Mr Conway then said he would "terminate this call" before slamming the phone down.



INVESTIGATION: Tory MP Derek Conway

The police could yet be dragged into the affair, with Mr Conway's local Liberal Democrat rival Duncan Borrowman writing to the officer in charge of investigating donations made to the cabinet minister Peter Hain.

Mr Borrowman urged Nigel Mawer, the acting commander of the Economic and Specialist Crimes Unit, to investigate the payments.

He said: "I believe this issue is important enough, especially in the present climate, to warrant police investigation."

Announcing he would not seek re-election, Mr Conway said he stood by his statement to the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards that Frederick had been working for him while at university.

He said in a statement: "Though not an original supporter of David Cameron for the leadership of my party, I believe he has shown he has both the ability and the character to be Prime Minister of our country and I do not wish my personal circumstances to be a distraction in any way from the real issues that have to be addressed."

Mr Cameron withdrew the whip on Tuesday.

Winnie praise for Dover's wartime role

SUPPORTERS of a campaign to have the town of Dover awarded the George Cross have uncovered a letter written by Winston Churchill in 1941.

The letter was sent to the general manager of Dover Harbour Board on January 1 and is full of praise for the town's under-fire citizens.

It was discovered in the port's archives by historian John Heron, who immediately contacted the George Cross for Dover campaign.

The letter reads: "The people of Dover had much to endure in 1940. They were attacked not only by bomb but also by shellfire, and they saw the enemy installed in positions not far distant from their own White Cliffs.

"They have faced these dangers in a manner worthy of Dover's great traditions, and I know that whatever 1941 may bring their courage and resourcefulness will not be found wanting."

Dover became known as Hellfire Corner during the conflict and was the only town in Britain to suffer constant bombardment between 1940 and 1944.

Although the award is usually reserved for individuals, the island of Malta and the Royal Ulster Constabulary have previously been awarded it.

The campaigners suffered a blow in November when the Ceremonial Secretariat, the Government's awards body, told them their case "would not be entertained".

Their cause has received the support of Dame Vera Lynn, Labour Deputy Leader Harriet Harman, Dover MP Gwyn Prosser and former adviser to Margaret Thatcher Viscount Monckton of Brenchley.

Campaign spokesman Chris Precious said: "When the sterling efforts of the 'Land Army' girls are only now being recognised with an award how much longer must Dover wait to receive that which it has so obviously earned?"

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Eurosceptics' fury at EU 'gag'

AN MEP who has been leading calls for a referendum on the controversial Lisbon Treaty claims he is being silenced by other Euro-MPs who have voted to ignore their own rules in order to scupper his campaign.

Daniel Hannan, Tory MEP for the South East, has been using European Parliament procedures to hold up debates and delay voting.

However, he claims that once parliamentary authorities got wind of his attempts they simply voted to disregard their own rules and grant the president – or speaker – discretionary powers to silence protesters.

Mr Hannan has been employing two main tactics in the chamber – roll-call votes (demanding an electronic check for every vote rather than a simple show of hands) and explanations of vote (speeches of up to a minute allowing MEPs to justify their reasons for voting as they did).

The president of the European Parliament, Hans-Gert Pottering, received permission from the constitutional affairs committee to "call an end to" such tactics where they appear "to be aimed at deliberately disrupting the procedures of the House".

Mr Hannan said: "Two dozen MEPs making a series of one-minute speeches hardly constitutes a filibuster. At worst, we kept MEPs from their lunch for half an hour and perhaps delayed the start.

"But even this is intolerable to the parliamentary authorities. Blinded by their resentment of 'anti-Europeans', which is in turn a surrogate for the fear and contempt they feel for their own electorates, they have abandoned any pretence at legality in order to prevent us making our point in the chamber.

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The silver Toyota Hilux pickup – registration number GJ06 ZDH – was stolen after a burglary at a home in Sittingbourne between 2-4am on Tuesday morning.

Police believe the vehicle was used as a get-away vehicle for two handbag snatches in Maidstone.

They took place at 7.05am in Wallis Avenue and then at 7.20am in Eyhorne Street. Neither victim was hurt.

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Honours for Land Girls at last, 'but it's a bit too late'

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SURVIVING Land Girls who worked on farms during World War Two will be given special badges of commendation.

But the families of those who have died will not be allowed to claim badges to honour their loved ones' work on the home front.

While veterans have welcomed the Government decision, there was anger that it had taken more than 60 years to recognise the women's efforts.

There was also anger at the decision to snub the relatives of the deceased Land Girls.

Mill Bowden, who was in the Women's Land Army in Kent, said: "It's a bit late, is it not? If [our efforts] had been recognised even 20 years ago it would have been something, but it's been such a long time. I've got mixed feelings, I don't know whether to be happy or not.

"But I shall wear one with pride – if I live long enough to get one."

The 87-year-old, who is the leader of the Women's Land Army and Timber Corps Veterans' Group, called on the Government to allow the families of the deceased to apply on their behalf.

She described the decision to deny them the posthumous award as "very wrong".

"They have worked in the war and so they are entitled to it. If they cannot have it then it does not mean much to us that are alive," she said, echoing the camaraderie and closeness the 'girls' developed during their time in the service.

The badge announcement follows a campaign run by the surviving members of some 80,000 women who left their homes to stay on farms and in hostels around the country.

Until recently the women were not allowed to join the official Remembrance Day parade.

In 1995 Mrs Bowden, who lives in Tenterden, launched a campaign for their own ceremony at the Cenotaph. They won permission in 1997.

Mucking out

Land Girls played a vital role in the war effort.

Adopting what were traditionally seen as male roles while millions of British men were called up to fight overseas, they ploughed, milked, mucked out pigs and drove tractors – but they have never received the recognition they deserved.

Mrs Bowden joined the Land Girls in 1940 and worked on a farm in Woodchurch right in the middle of front line Britain, which stretched from the Isle of Sheppey, to Sittingbourne, to Hollingbourne, to Biddenden and to the outskirts of Rye.

"It is difficult, considering what we faced, we felt let down really badly after the war. What the people went through here in Kent, I think they should have been given the George Cross.

"But then when you hear about other places that were flattened by bombs you think it was not that bad. It was wartime and that's all you can say."

Mrs Bowden told how, as a 20-year-old, she would be cycling to work as dogfights carried on overhead and dooglebugs were flying in.

Female veterans – who number 20,000 – were able to apply for the badges from Monday, which are being awarded by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

Hilary Benn, the Environment Secretary, said: "This badge is a fitting way to pay tribute to their determination, courage and spirit in the face of adversity. I hope that as many eligible women as possible apply for one."

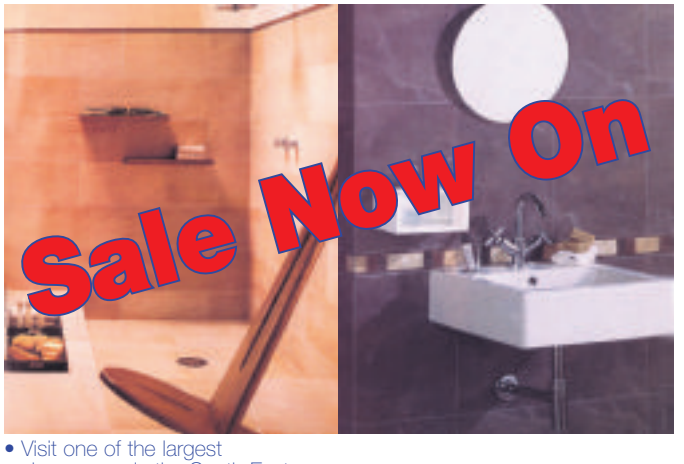
The application form the badges is available at www.defra.gov.uk/farm/working/wla or call 08459 33 55 77.

Asked why families of Land Girls who died before December 6 last year could not apply for a badge, a Defra spokeswoman said: "Previous to that date it is really not practical for us to do that in retrospect to find details and evidence. It would be quite difficult in terms of resources."



WAR EFFORT: Land Girls veteran Mill Bowden has waited more than 60 years to get official recognition for her work

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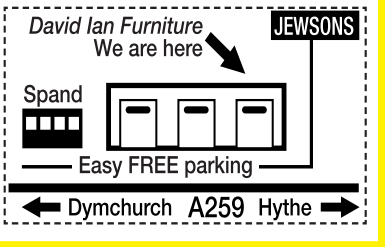
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22YR old female, 5'7", green eyes, brunette, cuddly, gives and wants attention, likes going out, staying in, looking for love! Box 897292 **TXT**

LIVELY female, 26, 5ft2, brown hair, green eyes, size 10, single mum, enjoys most things, seeks genuine, laid-back guy for fun, friendship and more. Box 428555 **TXT**

ATTRACTIVE female, 29, size 8-10, 5'8", long hair/blue eyes, enjoys gym, cinema, dancing, seeking honest, reliable male, 27-38, with a GSOH, for friendship possible LTR. Box 410494 **TXT** P

HONEST, single, outgoing female, 31, 5'11", loves to go out and stay in with good company, dvds etc, WLTM similar male, for friendship and more. Box 927816 **TXT**

CARING, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013 **TXT**

MEDWAY female, 36, 5ft8, blue/green eyes, slim, likes dancing, amateur dramatics, walks, much more, looking for someone who could make me laugh, for possible relationship. Box 434372 **TXT** P

36YR old female, divorced with no children, brunette, loves travel, music, cinema, nice meals, theatre, ceroc, salsa, seeking someone for dates and more. Rainham. Box 434374 **TXT**

SINGLE 36yr old female, like most things in life, very loving and caring, 5'5", cuddly build, good personality, seeking a gentle, considerate man. Box 431286 **TXT**

LOVING female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666 **TXT**

HAPPY, bubbly, positive female, 37 years old, outgoing, loving, caring, loyal, quite spiritual, into dance music, trance, cooking, the countryside, looking for soul mate. Box 433539 **TXT**

LARGE, bubbly lady, 37, 5'8", like country walks, seaside, bird watching, all music, looking for that special male for good times. Box 435619 **TXT**

HI I'm 37, 5ft8, mousey long hair, grey eyes, N/S, large bubbly lady, love pubs, country walks, bird-watching, seeking kind, tactile, N/S gent, possibly romantic! Box 435674 **TXT**

CUTE single mum of 4, 37, Kent based, into most things, looking for friendship or possibly romance. Box 897983 **TXT**

BLACK female, 38, 5ft2, have children, like nights out and cosy nights in, seeking someone to have a laugh with. Box 435423 **TXT**

ATTRACTIVE 38yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship/relationship. Box 901893 **TXT** P

DECENT 36yr old female, medium build, fair hair, 5'6", likes cinema, eating, having fun, seeks like-minded male, 36-40, for friendship first. Box 739664 **TXT**

SAMMY, 40 (just!), single Mum of 4, independent, own house, hard-working, seeking loyal, happy-go-lucky (like me!), easygoing male for fun and maybe relationship. Box 435686

BUBBLY 40yr old female, enjoys beaches, pubs, clubs, WLTM a like-minded, caring male to share fun times with. Box 435102 **TXT**

DIVORCED, affectionate lady, 40, large build, 5'6", love staying in, cinema, looking for a thoughtful male to share good things in life, leading to LTR. Box 430332 **TXT**

EASYGOING, GSOH, outgoing easy-going friendly single Mum, not much time for fun, enjoys films, music, motorbikes, history, visiting places of interest, spiritual places. Box 833533 **TXT** P

42YR old outgoing female, 5'4", brown hair, green eyes, medium build, enjoy cinema, meals out, seeking a friendly male for nice times. Box 435451 **TXT**

42YR old, 5ft7, slim, down-to-earth, normal! love bowling, cinema, clubs, seeking a male 40-55 for friendship and more! Box 436163 **TXT**

HARD-WORKING female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156 **TXT**

I'M Jackie, 43, 5ft1, blue eyes brown hair, single Mum, love going out, reading, cycling, music, enjoy male company and seeking 27-45yr olds for companionship. Box 436076 **TXT**

DEAL-BASED lady, 43, divorced, brunette, green eyes, 5ft10, likes going out, pubs, clubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves films and all sports except cricket. Box 430384 **TXT** P

PLEASANT female, 43, medium/large build, blue/green eyes, grown up children, beach walks, relaxing, reading, wining, seeks sincere male with GSOH, for LTR. Box 429071 **TXT**

PETITE, sincere woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, animals, DIY, swimming, travelling, WLTM N/S man to share things with. Box 429682 **TXT**

SINCERE, reliable woman, 43, long blonde hair, blue eyes, community worker, loves horse riding, travelling, cooking, looking for my soul mate. Box 428689 **TXT**

MELVIS, 44, looking for an understanding, sensitive man. I enjoy music and being adventurous. Box 431913 **TXT**

GENUINE, caring, honest female, 41, 5'8", medium build, dark hair, blue-green eyes, N/S, likes night in/out, cinema, seeks honest male, for lasting love, Maidstone area. Box 800308 **TXT**

FUN-LOVING, affectionate brunette, 43, size 12, N/S, separated amicably with 2 lovely kids, enjoys keeping fit. Seeks good-looking, slim, fit, romantic male. Box 814378 **TXT** P

45YR old female, has 2 dogs, works full time, likes horse riding, gardening, walks, socialising, enjoys eating out, cinema, good conversation. Box 435464 **TXT**

ROMANTIC woman, 45, likes the good things in life, WLTM a special, good-looking man to complete the jigsaw. Box 434511 **TXT**

44YR old female, 5'5", brown hair, slim/medium build, enjoys pubs, clubs, if you are out there, give me a ring! Maidstone. Box 413448 **TXT**

SINCERITY, honesty, and intelligence, is that just too much to ask for? With a hint of cheekiness, I'm 46 from the Maidstone area. Box 156956 **TXT** P

FRIENDLY, bubbly, fun-loving woman, 45, 5'4", GSOH, likes socialising, pubs, music, eating in/out, own home/car, smoker, looking for honest man 44-55, who enjoys life. Box 823441 **TXT** P

BUBBLY, caring single mum, 46, WLTM nice male, for good conversations, company, maybe more. Box 396829 **TXT**

SLIM divorced woman, 48, dark brown shoulder length hair, hazel eyes, 5ft3. Seeks genuine, thoughtful male, 43-54, slim-medium build, about 5ft10 or above. Box 897419 **TXT** P

48YR old, 5'5", dark hair, hazel eyes, likes dancing, music, cinema, days and nights out, would like to share some good times, fun. Box 901027 **TXT** P

YOUNG-LOOKING, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving, outgoing, N/S, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out, staying in, seeks similar man, 42-50. Aylesford. Box 428833 **TXT**

HI, I'm Sue, 48, 5'2", dark hair/eyes, divorced, hard-working, WLTM compatible male, stocky build, for good times, possibly LTR. Box 432992 **TXT**

YOUNG-AT-HEART female, 48, medium build, 5ft2, dark hair, blue eyes, GSOH, very active, likes clubs and dining out, seeks someone with similar interests. Box 435098 **TXT**

GENUINE, friendly female, 49, likes walks, gardening, nights in/out, seeking genuine, friendly male, 45-55. Dover. Box 435441 **TXT**

LOVING and loyal 49yr old female, GSOH, enjoys walking, countryside, cinema, theatre, pubs, restaurants, music, travel, seeks sincere and loving male between 48-56 for friendship. Box 909974 **TXT**

PETITE, blonde female, 50, GSOH, likes music, books, films, cooking, looking for romantic soulmate, 40-55, for TLC. Kent. Box 835181 **TXT** P

PRETTY petite lady, 51, 5ft2, blonde hair, blue eyes, down to earth, happy go lucky, smart dresser, bright, talkative, looking for Mr Right. Box 903844 **TXT**

LOYAL, bubbly, affectionate, attractive lady, 51, dark hair, enjoy clubs, nights in, love animals, seeking like-minded gent for happiness. Box 433585 **TXT**

SUE, 51, slim, blue eyes, brunette, ladies hairdresser, looking for someone special. How about you? Box 431904 **TXT**

53YR old bubbly lady, 6ft, like meals out, staying in, looking for a caring man to share life's ups and downs. Box 435768 **TXT**

LONELY, honest lady, 52, enjoy walks, cycling, travel, WLTM sociable gent to share interests and possibly leading to LTR. Box 399420 **TXT**

54YR female, enjoys home life, going out, pubs, theatre, music, wishing to meet an understanding man, 45-60, to share the good and bad things in life. Box 435468 **TXT**

SPONTANEOUS, friendly, lively female, 55, likes cinema, walking, cooking, socialising, seeks similar person for friendship leading to hopefully more. Box 430454 **TXT**

DIVORCED lady, youthful 56, N/S, 5'3", green eyes, brown hair, medium build, GSOH. I like eating out, cinema, driving, music, holidays, seeking friendship, see what develops. Box 897592 **TXT**

ATTRACTIVE, homely, caring 55yr old lady, 5'2", slim/medium build, GSOH, good conversationalist, looking for special person to share life's ups and downs with. Faversham. Box 406928 **TXT**

YOUNG, 57yr old modern female widow, slim, enjoys nights in/out, socialising, seeking honest, reliable man for friendship, love, affection and TLC. Box 920739 **TXT**

FUN-LOVING, bubbly, tactile lady, 50s, enjoys the good life, holidays and cosy nights in, I'm voluptuous, looking for a real man. Box 903560 **TXT** P

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY female, 57, likes nice walks, pubs/clubs, quite nights in, loves children and animals, seeking an honest, caring man. Box 435308 **TXT** P

DIVORCED female, 50s, 5ft4, own home, great job and friends, likes to keep fit, hobbies include shopping, cooking, dining out, theatre/cinema, holidays, seeking friendship and more. Box 434901 **TXT**

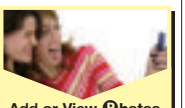
BRUNETTE female, 59, N/S, 5ft5, hazel eyes, slim/medium build, enjoys meals out, occasional drinks, gardening, music, keeping fit, days out at the coast, seeking friendship/more. Box 434895 **TXT**

SPIRITUALLY minded, slim lady, young 58yrs, looking for someone special to enjoy the normal things in life with, are there any gentlemen left? Box 907723 **TXT**

WIDOWED woman, 61, no ties, positive outlook, kind nature with GSOH, like the usual things and would like to find a male counterpart. Box 431210

YOUNG 61 year old, 5ft3, medium build, brown hair/eyes, very happy-go-lucky, likes dancing, walks, eating in/out. I'm very adaptable, looking for a LTR. Margate. Box 434424 **TXT**

62YR old petite, slim, blonde lady, 62, own home/car, GSOH, love classical music, dancing, holidays abroad, looking for a compatible, genuine gentleman for happiness. Box 435267 **TXT**



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BRUNETTE lady, 61, looking for a LTR, friendship first, any age considered. Interests: dancing walking, socialising, cuddling! Margate. Box 432246 **TXT**

DIVORCED lady, 61, N/S, medium build, loves movies, classic music, comedy, restaurants, cooking, gardening, reading, driving, seeks tactile man, for something special. Box 424898 **TXT**

68YR old recently retired secretary, 5ft9, shoulder length blonde hair, hazel eyes, enjoys theatre, eating out, member of many clubs, WLTM male with similar interests. Box 435927 **TXT**

BUBBLY female, 71, 5ft9, blonde, medium build, OHAC, GSOH, love most things in life, live in New Romney. Box 434390 **TXT**

Women for women

LOVING, young 25yr old female with a kind heart and passion for life, short hair, blue eyes, like music, socialising, seeks a like-minded female. Box 431117 **TXT**

28YR old friendly female, brown hair/eyes, enjoy keeping fit, sociable events, clubs, dancing, music, WLTM like-minded, slim, attractive woman. Box 432921 **TXT**

CUDDLY, buxom female, 46, blue eyes, very feminine, loves music, animals, reading, writing, stars, very genuine, meals in/out, seeking boyish female, who's loving and caring. Box 433152 **TXT**

CAPRICORN female, 48, 5ft7, brown hair, blue eyes, GSOH, caring, animal lover, into DIY, sports, reading, WLTM someone in Maidstone area. Box 434547 **TXT**

SOCIABLE Sagittarian, buxom 52 year old brunette, likes music, dancing, eating out, seeking like-minded buxom female, for fun and more. Box 435191 **TXT**



MEN for WOMEN

BLOND male, 29, blue eyes, fairly fit, likes going to the gym, kick boxing, meals, drinks, pubs, clubs, seeking someone to share the good times with. Box 431921 **TXT** P

CARE assistant, male, 30, hazel eyes/brown hair, I enjoy nights in/out. WLTM nice girl, similar age, for fun, friendship, maybe more. Canterbury. Box 423431 **TXT** P

I'M 32, 5ft6, short brown hair and blue-grey eyes, loving, caring and affectionate, love pubs, music and theatre, seeking similar female 25-35 for companionship and more. Box 436080 **TXT**

HI, I'm Mark, 32yrs, brown hair/eyes, muscular build, I'm easygoing, up for a laugh type of guy, looking for Mrs Right. Box 900019 **TXT**

34YR old young-looking, shy at first male, 5'9", medium build, enjoy life to the full, seeking special someone to share good moments. Box 435061 **TXT**

TALL male, 36, short dark hair, good looking, medium/muscular build, likes playing guitar, fishing, crosswords, seeking female, up to 36, size 16+, for fun/friendship/more. Rochester/Kent. Box 435011 **TXT**

FRIENDLY male, 36 years old, 6ft2, dark hair, likes running. Divorced dad of 2, seeking someone special. Box 434712 **TXT**

36YR old male, 36, 6ft5, medium/muscular build, shoulder length dark hair, brown eyes, hobbies: weight training, keeping fit, have daughter, seeking medium/large lady. Box 431236 **TXT**

MAIDSTONE male, 35, dark blond hair, dark eyes, nice looking, have 1 little girl, own business, varied interests, looking for a fun lady, under 40. Box 429375 **TXT**

ATTRACTIVE male, 37, medium build, enjoys countryside, travelling, children, animals, pubs, WLTM female, 25-35, slim/medium build, with similar interests for fun, friendship/serious relationship. Box 435731 **TXT**

36YR old honest, kind, caring, single male, blond hair, 6ft, like walks, cinema, nights in/out, enjoy family life, WLTM like-minded, genuine female. Box 430440 **TXT** P

CREATIVE male, 35, 6ft, slim, dark hair/eyes, loves music, travel, history, socialising, cinema, reading etc, seeks laid back, slim, attractive female, 26-35. Whitstable. Box 380976 **TXT** P

DOWN-TO-EARTH and loyal guy, 36, looking for companionship, leading to a long-term relationship. Enjoys meals out, good company, conversation, cosy evenings in. Box 914917 **TXT** P

FRIENDLY male, 37, enjoys the usual things in life, seeks curvy, nice female, for friendship, more. Box 359467 **TXT**

NICE-LOOKING male, 37, slim, likes sports, socialising, most things, seeks dark haired female, 30s with a great personality. Box 807534 **TXT**

PETER, 38, 5ft11, slim, enjoys music, cinema, dancing, restaurants, seeking loving female, for friendship leading to more. Chatham. Box 425364 **TXT** P

DARREN, 38, loving, caring, trustworthy, 5ft8, medium build, enjoys most things in life, seeks fun-loving lady to enjoy life with. Box 434234 **TXT**

YOUNG 39-year-old single dad of 2, in south-east Kent, seeking someone 35-50, for fun times. Box 435048 **TXT** P

ATTRACTIVE, independent, professional male, 40, OHAC, loves wining/dining, the sun, holidays, cinema, pubs occasionally, seeking a fun, sincere, loving female, to enjoy each others company. Box 434103 **TXT**

HI, I'm a down-2-earth male, 40, 5'7", medium build, green eyes, loves outdoors, sports, beach walks etc, WLTM an outgoing female for good times. Box 899004 **TXT**

THOUGHTFUL male, 41, 6ft, shaved head, blue eyes, medium to stocky build, looking for a caring female to share good times. Box 899053 **TXT** P

40YR old, male, good health, good job/home/car, good friends and family, work hard, like to play when I can, down-to-earth. Box 913490 **TXT** P

NICE guy, 40, enjoys life, having fun, going out, staying in, loves motorsports, looking for nice lady, to spend time with, more. Snodland. Box 422668 **TXT** P

41YR old genuine and understanding male, 5'8", short cropped hair, enjoy sports, life to the full, looking for lady, medium/large, for friendship, possibly more. Box 433635 **TXT**

GREAT guy, young looking 42, no ties. I'm 5ft7, stocky build, fit, short hair/hazel eyes, been called handsome! I'm sporty, a non-smoker and enjoy holidays. Box 431226 **TXT** P

43YR old male, 5ft6, black hair, brown eyes, fit and healthy, divorced with 2 kids, seeking someone, 25-45, who likes to go out/stay in. Box 435386 **TXT**

42YR old Kent-based, honest, caring male, GSOH, 5'10", slim, varied interests, looking for slim, down-2-earth, fun woman for loving, lasting relationship. Box 436058 **TXT**

HELLO you, if you're fed up with looking back at the past and wondering 'oh what if?' I'm 41 and I'm your man! Box 909888 **TXT** P

ATTENTION ladies! Nice looking, cheeky, fun loving guy, 42, seeks an attractive, fun loving female for loads of fun, laughs. E Kent. Box 824810 **TXT**

SLIM male, 42, 5ft11, genuine, reliable, N/S, likes all the usual things in life, WLTM genuine, down-to-earth lady, for friendship, dates, relationship. Gillingham area. Box 425419 **TXT** P

WARM, tactile male, 42, 6ft, likes socialising, pubs, clubs, cosy nights in, seeks like minded female, for friendship, leading to more. Box 388967 **TXT**

HONEST, tactile, romantic male 42, 5'10", green eyes, varied interests, the gym, wining, dining out, seeks female/single mum, 30-45, for friendship and more. Box 390669 **TXT** P

HI I'm John, 43, brown hair, 5ft10, looking for nice, attractive, curvy ladies for friendship, romance, and cuddles. Box 435712

EASYGOING 43yr old single dad, stocky, very confident, GSOH, enjoy pubs, meals out, looking for a female to share laughs, outings. Box 435262 **TXT**

I'M 45, 5ft10, medium build, blue eyes, shaved head, like having fun, a laugh, love music and film, seeking a female 25-48 for romance. Box 435737 **TXT** P

YOUNG-AT-HEART 44yr old male, blond hair, blue eyes, easygoing nature, likes eating out, music, cinema etc, WLTM adventurous, witty, fit female for possible LTR. Box 432940 **TXT**

CARING, understanding, honest 43 year old male, enjoys walks, swimming, reading, seeking a 45-55 year old lady. Chatham. Box 429701 **TXT**

TALL, fun-loving, good-looking former athlete, 44, lived in USA many years, likes music, sports cars, looking for dark haired or exotic lady, GSOH, for LTR.Ashford. Box 430121 **TXT**

SLIM male, 44, dark brown hair and eyes, love life, the outdoors, good food and wine and conversation, dress smart but casual. Box 897142 **TXT** P

HI, I'm a caring, considerate and a romantic at heart male, 45, love to meet new people, love animals and nature. Box 897013 **TXT**

PROFESSIONAL male, 45, own home/car, likes cinema, weekends away, the coast, a BBQ and good wine, looking for friendship, hopefully more. Box 426202 **TXT**

ALLAN, 46, 6ft, brown hair, GSOH, likes going out, football, keeping fit, seeks sporty female for friendship and more. Box 434948 **TXT**

EASYGOING guy, genuine, 46, 5ft7, slim, hard-working, own home, adventurous, likes nights in/out, drives, weekends away, socialising, walks, seeking someone to share life. Box 435393 **TXT**

BLOND, blue-eyed male, 46, 5ft8, enjoys socialising, cinema, live alone in Ashford, looking for a great lady for fun, friendship and more. Box 421664 **TXT**

YOUTHFUL dad, 45, 5'10", brown hair, med build, divorcee, likes pubs, cinema, restaurants, theme parks, WLTM female, 36-45, slim, for possible LTR. Cranbrook. Box 737529 **TXT**

ORDINARY guy, 49, who likes the simple things in life. I smoke and don't drive. Looking for a partner to share things with. Box 901111 **TXT**

LOYAL, honest male, 48, 5'10", medium build, enjoys DIY, gardening, days out, coast, country pubs, seeks loving female with similar interests, 43-55, slim/medium build. Box 899602 **TXT** P

GOOD-LOOKING male, 47, VGSOH, medium build, varied interests, looking for friendship and love with honest, easygoing female with GSOH, kids not a problem. Box 898446 **TXT**

48YR old male, hard-working, 6ft1, genuine, likes car restoration, DIY, gardening, holidays, seeking someone sensible, upto 48. Box 435474 **TXT**

BUBBLY, happy-go-lucky bricklayer, 49, loves life, 6ft1, blue eyes, slim, great personality, love my dog! Seeking lovely lady to share my happy life with. Box 435698 **TXT**

50YR old reliable male, 6'2", dark hair, well-built, looking for possible LTR with someone who is honest, trustworthy and caring. Box 435627 **TXT**

SEEKING similar lady, I'm a 51yr old gent, 5ft6, with GSOH. I going out walking, dining in.out, cinema. You? Box 436170 **TXT**

YOUNG 51, good-looking, young-looking, N/S, GSOH, fit, slim, romantic, solvent, caring, likes most things in life; food/wine etc, seeking genuine lady to share life with. Box 434593 **TXT**

COUNTRY-LOVING fella, 51, a widower, medium build/height, and a GSOH. I love animals and have 1 dog. I like walks, meals out. Box 427761 **TXT**

FUN-LOVING male, 52, likes going out, playing golf, motorcycles, socialising, visiting new places, WLTM an interesting female. Box 427713 **TXT**

I'M 54, 5ft6, dark hair, green eyes, very easygoing, love the pictures, pubs, good food, good wine, seeking petite, tactile, loving lady for companionship. Box 436028

GARY, 55 years old, 6'3", large build, ex doorman, solvent, looking for someone to love and to have fun times with. Box 900009 **TXT** P

YOUNG 50s male, solvent, retired, would love to meet a lovely lady, for travel, interesting outings and mutual friendship. Box 427700 **TXT**

TALL, dark and handsome, 57, I enjoy walking, eating in/out, and having a few drinks. Looking for fun, friendly woman, to enjoy life with. Box 435919 **TXT**

GENUINE, honest, caring male, 58, seeks the right lady to give lots of love to, someone to share life and happiness with. Box 435889 **TXT**

KENT male, 5ft10, 58, slim. I love jazz, art galleries, theatre, cinema. I'm looking for someone 35-50 ish, who enjoys the same things. Box 430925 **TXT**

EASYGOING male, 58, 5ft8, fair hair, medium build, likes soul music, exercise, nice restaurants, looking for the sparkle back in life. Box 426298 **TXT**

SLIM, fit male, 63, 5ft10, N/S, blue eyes, own business, home, squirrel etc, many interests, WLTM kind-hearted lady, with GSOH. Box 901915 **TXT** P

Men for men

MIXED race male, 34, 5'11", average build, like going out, sports etc. looking for fun, friendship, maybe more with younger guy. Ashford/surrounding area. Box 900477 **TXT**

36YR old man, 5ft10, blue eyes, shaved head, enjoys pubs, clubs, staying in, looking for a loyal male, to have fun times with. Box 430380

I'M Paul, 40, genuine, down-2-earth, 5'9", GSOH, brown hair, blue eyes, average build, likes movies, DIY, theatre, keeping fit, travel, looking for young male, N/S. Box 423252 **TXT** P

41YR old male, likes eating in/out, cooking, clubs and pubs, looking for 35-45 year old man Sittingbourne. Box 427705 **TXT**

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LIVELY, attractive female, 32, 5'5", looking to meet that someone special to share life, laughter and love. Box 429124 **TXT**

32YR old kind, warm female, 5'6", cuddly build, love walking my dog, cosy nights in, evenings out, WLTM tall, honest, trustworthy male for friendship. Box 430993 **TXT**

SINGLE mum of 2, 32, would like to meet someone kind, caring and considerate, for nights in/out and cinema. Box 406670 **TXT**

AFRICAN lady, 33, brown eyes, likes socialising, music, pubs, cinema, seeks male for friendship and more. Box 413128 **TXT**

LOVING, caring, black African female, 33, school teacher, WLTM caring, honest, loving, open, professional man, 35-50 with good values in life, for something meaningful. Box 422460 **TXT**

MUM of 1, I'm 5ft4, blonde hair, slim, young looking, 34yrs old. I'm caring, honest, with a GSOH. I like keep-fit, cinema, dancing, days out. Box 431559 **TXT** P

OUTGOING, funny, young-looking female, 34, 5ft3, brown hair/eyes, Tonbridge. Seeks caring, loyal male for friendship, leading to more. Box 433107 **TXT** P

INDEPENDENT, professional female, 35, 5'7", fit, GSOH, enjoy travelling, cinema, looking for a like-minded, honest and loyal male to share life with. Box 901771 **TXT** P

SINGLE parent of 4 kids, 35, 5ft6 and long hair with blue eyes, looking for friendly guy for friendship and maybe more. Box 900447 **TXT**

35YR old woman, looking to share happy moments with a loving, caring guy, around 35-40. Does that sound like you? Box 435380 **TXT**

DIVORCED, lively mum, 35, GSOH, I enjoy time with my family and friends, cinema, good food, beach walks, seeks male for honesty, love and romance. Box 813930 **TXT** P

PROFESSIONAL Asian lady, 30s very westernised, fun-loving and GSOH, WLTM solvent, professional male with no ties for relationship. Box 435922 **TXT**

HI, I'm Paula, 38, 5'2", with a good nature, looking for fun and someone to go out and have a laugh with. Box 435324 **TXT**

BLACK female, 38 years old, 5ft2, likes going out, seeking a sociable male, who likes having a laugh. Gillingham. Box 429656 **TXT**

HONEST, caring lady, attractive, from Tunbridge Wells, 37, hazel eyes, curvy, 5ft6, with a GSOH, many interests, clubs, cooking, cosy nights. Looking for stocky male, 35-45. Box 424364 **TXT** P

ATTRACTIVE, trendy, outgoing, warm female, 30, dark brown eyes are a big feature, curvy but slim, like country pubs etc. WLTM spontaneous male for LTR. Box 403299 **TXT** P

CHATTY female, 36, 5'4", single mum, blonde, slim, likes pubs, clubs, going out, having fun, seeks male, for fun nights out and giggles. Rochester. Box 372889 **TXT** P

KENT female, 39, 5'7", dark eyes, GSOH, no ties, likes cosy nights in, socialising, country pubs, cinema, seeks loyal, caring male, for friendship, more. Box 152862 **TXT**

MANDY, 38, lovely brunette, petite, slim, very tactile and bubbly, professional mum, WLTM honest, romantic N/S man. Box 432639 **TXT**

KIND, caring, spiritual lady, 39, 5'4", average build, hazel puppy-dog eyes, brown hair, looking for genuine, honest guy, non-smoker, friendship first. Box 899694 **TXT** P

38YR old single mum, slim, long hair, love rock music, concerts, bikes, in need of attention, love and respect. Box 897114 **TXT** P

DOWN-TO-EARTH, kind and caring, separated, strong-willed Scottish mum, 39, looking for fun, tactile, cute and considerate male who likes noise and chaos. Box 897191 **TXT**



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FROM FIELD TO PLATE: David Master, a manager at Pipers (left), with a side of beef ready for the butcher

Making good food local food

AS A row of hungry heifers tucked into a trough full of hay and roughage, one chef remarked that he hadn't seen a cow up close since he was a child.

He was probably not the only one, although many might not wish to admit it.

The chef in question, who asked not to be named, was one of several taking a tour of local suppliers this week to see where the food they serve comes from.

The pressures of running a busy kitchen often leave little time for chefs to venture out, resulting in many choosing to use convenient wholesalers rather than small farms.

Half a dozen such chefs were whisked between suppliers in a minibus on Monday, courtesy of Produced in Kent, a limited company owned by Kent County Council to promote local producers.

The first stop was Pipers Meats of Owley, a cattle farm-cum-butchers' operation near the village of Wittersham.

There the wide-eyed chefs came face to face with both living, breathing cows and the cuts of prime beef they are destined to become.

Graham Garrett, the Michelin-starred chef at The West House in Biddenden, admitted that sourcing ingredients from local suppliers can be an arduous and time-consuming task.

He said he always strives to use local suppliers, but simply does not have the time.

By **PHIL REILLY**
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Mr Garrett said: "I thought I was going to do every bit locally, but it didn't take long to realise this was very idealistic. I came up against lots of obstacles.

"I was spending all week running around trying to source produce rather than cooking it."

He said another big problem was consistency, with smaller farmers often being unable to supply the cuts and quantities needed to keep a constant menu.

Confidence

It is a problem that also extends to vegetables, with restaurants often having to source them from further afield when they are out of season.

Mr Garrett continued: "I spoke to one small farm and they said they can't shift oxtail. I said I would take them off their hands, but when they turned up they only brought one tail.

"They said they only kill one a week, which is obviously no good when you need to have a consistent menu.

"I want to be able to source locally and customers really want it. They want to know where it comes from because it gives them confidence."

He also likes to use local farms where possible, having had one or two run-ins with what he called "unscrupulous" suppliers.

He added: "Some will tell you everything you want to hear, but then when it arrives it is another matter.

"I was getting pork from somebody up until not long ago and one day it was basically inedible. When I called him he said he knew he shouldn't have sent it to me."

The tour continued to the beautiful grounds of Sissinghurst Castle, where the chefs met local suppliers offering everything from apple juice to salmon, and cheese to smoked duck.

They were then whisked away to Bockingfold Farm near Goudhurst, where fruit farmer Mark Phillips turned the ailing business into a luxury ice cream factory.

His Farmhouse Ice Cream brand is now taking off, selling over the internet to an expanding portfolio of clients, including the Globe Theatre in London.

The day was rounded off with drinks at Biddenden Vineyard, where owner Julian Barnes talked the chefs through the winemaking process before offering them a free taster session.

It was a fitting end to a day that Produced in Kent hopes will have persuaded more chefs, as well as local residents, to use locally sourced food.

To be fair, the chefs did not seem to need much persuading as to the merits of using local produce, but whether it will become easier for them to do so remains to be seen.

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MP game for a laugh

A MAVERICK Labour MP is to become a comedian for an evening in aid of charity.

Bob Marshall-Andrews QC, the MP for Medway, will take to the stage at the 10th annual Macmillan Cancer Support Parliamentary Palace of Varieties.

He will perform a comic monologue in front of an audience of peers, friends, family and the media.

The event, which aims to raise £100,000, takes place on Thursday, February 7, at The InterContinental London Park Lane.

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COMMENT

Public's malaise

IS IT unrealistic to expect that the county's brave police officers are made of sterner stuff than Joe Public?

Given the fact one in 10 officers takes long-term sick leave during any one year, perhaps it is.

No-one can deny policemen and women offten do a much more stressful job than most of us. It appears to be taking its toll.

The public has watched over 18,000 officers march through the streets of London in a quarrel over a 0.5 per cent pay rise, and now we find 'general malaise' cited as a valid reason for long-term sickness.

The public, generally speaking, sympathises with the rank and file officers that want the money they feel they are owed.

However, when we find malaise, nose bleeds and upset stomachs given as reasons for long-term sick leave, sympathy starts to wear a little thin. Especially when it is the taxpayer who picks up the tab.

Question time

KENT on Sunday readers have a unique opportunity to put their questions to the Prime Minister.

If you want to hold Gordon Brown to account over a particular subject or to ask his opinion on the issues that affect you, get your questions into us over the next two weeks.

A selection will then be passed on to Mr Brown and his answers will be printed in Kent on Sunday.

Send your questions to Jamie McGinnes at jamie.mcginnes@kosmedia.co.uk or write to Jamie at KOS Media Ltd, Apple Barn, Hythe Road, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent TN25 6SR.

OPINION: Growth towns



Immigration levels put policing under pressure says MP DAMIAN GREEN

THE leak of a letter from Kent's Chief Constable to the Home Secretary gives us a rare inside picture of what life is really like for our police.

Mike Fuller has written a three-page letter accompanied by 10 pages of charts and tables showing in great detail how badly his force are under strength because of the rapid in increase in Kent's population.

Mr Fuller points out that Kent's population is growing at a higher rate than the average for England, and that 78 per cent of this growth is due to immigration.

The result of the population growth is that the number of incidents reported to the police has grown by nearly a fifth since 2003.

The increased costs associated with this extra work have added a third to our police bill, while over total Government support for the police only went up eight per cent.

It's not surprising that the chief constable is complaining. Of course other police forces have said much the same thing in recent weeks, including Cambridgeshire and Lincolnshire.

But there are specific issues which make life more difficult here. Nearly two thirds of all goods vehicles using a UK port use a Kent port, including nine out of 10 foreign registered vehicles.

These foreign lorries account for three quarters of the goods vehicles using Kent ports, and are more likely, according to the police, to contravene working hours regulations, overloading and roadworthiness standards.

I have asked the Home Secretary to come to the House of Commons to make a statement and respond to our questions about how Kent Police are supposed to cope with this increase in activity.

Even though the number of police in Kent has increased, this increase is not enough to keep workloads constant.

On every measure, unlike in other rural counties like Cambridgeshire, our police are being asked to do more.



CONCERNS: Mike Fuller

The number of crimes per constable has gone up from 47.1 to 49.6 and the incidents per constable from 133.3 to 157.5.

Total crime increased by 6.6 per cent with the really horrifying figure of a 34 per cent increase in violent crime standing out among these statistics.

Altogether it is impossible to argue with Mike Fuller's analysis. His force is being asked to do much more than before, and the main reason it is under pressure is that Kent's population is growing faster than we can comfortably cope with.

Until we have a government which can bring immigration under proper control we will continue to suffer the consequences.

This is why, wearing my other hat as the shadow immigration minister, I have proposed that we should put a specific annual limit on the numbers of people allowed to come here to work from outside the EU.

This would mean that we could balance properly the needs of industry for specific skills with the ability of our public services to cope with the extra numbers.

We also need to organise our police resources better.

I have suggested that we need an integrated Border Police Force, bringing together the police with the immigration service and the customs, so that our ports can be better protected.

One force would be better equipped not only to man the ports and airports, but to chase after the illegal employers who are the source of many of the problems associated with immigration. The new force would be able to develop specialist skills in fighting people-trafficking.

These changes cannot come soon enough for the Kent Police.

We all want and deserve a police force which is properly equipped for the tasks it faces, and is not overwhelmed by unplanned and unexpected increases in the numbers it is asked to police. Our police have been let down in recent years, and it has to stop.

• ***Damian Green is Conservative MP for Ashford and shadow immigration minister.***

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BIRTHS

ALLINSON
Helen and Darren Allinson of Birchington celebrate the birth of their son Jack Dennis Allinson ,weighing 9lbs,on 9th January 2008.

ARGIVIER
Stephane and Francette Argivier celebrate the birth of their daughter Morgane Seraphine Ambre Argivier born on 26th January 2008.

CLIFFT-BULLEY
Rubie Amelia born on 10th January 2008, weighing 7lb 5oz. Daughter to Darren and Micheala in Margate.You are the miracle who we will love and treasure forever.

DAVIES
Ricky and Louise Davies of Westgate-on-Sea celebrate the birth of their son Oliver on 31st December 2007.Mummy and Daddys special little man.

DOWLING
Roy and Tracy are delighted to announce the birth of Thomas Anthony born on 18th January 2008 weighing 8lb 14oz - a brother for Emily.

DOWNS
Peter Downs and Kelly-Ann Kemp of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their son Theo Peter Downs on 19th January 2008.

FOX
Maya Betty Julie born on 9th January 2008 weighing 7lb 10oz . Daughter to Amy Fox in Maidstone.

FROUDE
Baby boy Charlie William born on 24th January 2008 weighing 8lbs, son to Julie Baldwin and Adam Froude of Ashford.

GATHERN
Joseph William Gathern born on 17th January 2008, weighing 6lb 9oz. Son to Dave and Sally brother to Bryn, Alice, Daisy, Harry and Emily in Ashford.

GJINI
Izabella Rosa born on 15th January 2008,weighing 8lb 6oz.Daughter to Ilir and Zoe in Ramsgate.Our most beautiful and precious Little Princess.

GRANT
Laura and Nick of Swanscombe are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Monica Isabel Grant on 6th January 2008 weighing 8lb 6.5oz at Darent Valley Hospital.

HUSSEY
David and Amanda Hussey celebrate the birth of their twins Jessica Rose Hussey and John David Hussey. Born 11/01/2008.

JORDAN
Laura and her daughter Rosie celebrate the birth of Daisie Emmie on 24th December 2007.You are the miracle who we will love and treasure forever.

KING
Marcia and Eran King celebrate the birth of their daughter Amy Elizabeth on 19th January 2008 sister for Georgia.

KNIGHT
Ella Violet Jean born on 24th January 2008 at the William Harvey Hospital weighing 9lbs 2oz. Daughter to Mark and Michelle of Ashford.

LAWRENCE
Pheo Lehane born on 11th January 2008,weighing 7lb 4oz. Son to Mandy in Ramsgate.My most beautiful and precious son.

LETTS
Adam, Vanessa, and Harry Letts of Grove Green, Maidstone celebrate the birth of their son and brother Ashton born on 22nd January 2008.

LUCKHURST-WARBY
Freddie David James born on 19th January 2008,weighing 7lb 7oz. Son to Carole and David in Margate.Many thanks to my Auntie Christine for being there as I opened my eyes for the first time.

LUKE
Trevor and Sarah of Southborough are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Mollie born on the 19th January 2008. A little sister for brother Alfie.

MANSER
Johnathan Charles born on 8th January 2008, weighing 7lb 12oz. Son to Julie and David.Welcome brother for Reece.

MILLS
Chris and Kristy of Ramsgate celebrate the birth of their son Charlie Bill on 14th January 2008.

MITCHELL
Charlie born on 25th January 2008, weighing 7lb 3oz. Son to Lee Mitchell and Nicola Nogre in Ashford.

MORLEY
Cerys Chelsea born on the 1st January 2008, weighing 6lbs 4oz. Daughter to Deborah and James Morley in Ramsgate.

MURPHY
Oliver Hayden Murphy born on 20th January 2008, weighing 9lb 1oz. Son to Rachel and Russell Murphy in Ashford. Brother to Bradley and Scarlett.

PELLETT
Lauren Amy born on 16th January 2008, weighing 7lb 13oz. Daughter to David and Lucy Pellett of Dover a sister for James John.

DEATHS

BILLINGTON
Gwen of Petts Wood passed away after a short illness on 22nd January 2008 at The Withens Nursing Home aged 85.

BLAND
James Henry Bland of Maidstone, formerly Reading, passed away peacefully after a long illness on 25th January 2008, aged 97.

BOND
Margaret Bond of Norwood passed away peacefully after a long illness on the 19th January 2008 aged 85. A lady who devoted her life to animal welfare and who will greatly missed. All funeral enquires to E Larner and Sons Putney 0208 788 2942.

CAMPBELL
Joan Evelyn Bushe Campbell of Canterbury passed away peacefully at William Harvey Hospital, Ashford on 18th January 2008. Sadly missed by family and friends.Funeral to be held at Barham on 5th February at 2pm.

CASSIE
Nan Cassie of Maidstone died peacefully on 28th January 2008. Funeral service to be held at Vinters Park Crematorium at 1.15pm on Friday 8th February 2008. Enquiries to Paul Rowland Funeral Directors on 01622 757177.

CAVELL
Julia Cavell of Walmer passed away peacefully on 24th January 2008. Beloved grandmother to Nicholas, Jason and Charlotte. The funeral is to be held on 7th February 2008 at Barham. Flowers to E V Cavell of Deal or donations to the R.N.L.I.

CLEARY
Joseph (Joe) Cleary of Staplehurst passed away peacefully after a short illness on 23rd January 2008, aged 79.

GODDEN
Horace Godden of Birchington passed away peacefully, after a long illness, on 15th January 2008. A loving husband, father and grandfather who will be very sadly missed. The funeral was held at Margate on 28th January 2008.

GOLDSACK
Vera May Goldsack (formerly Laws) of Folkestone, passed away peacefully at Westleas Nursing Home, Folkestone on 24th January 2008. A loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother who will be sadly missed by all who knew her. The funeral was held at Hawkinge Crematorium on Friday 1st February, followed by a celebration of Veras life at The Golden Arrow in Folkestone.

GREAVES
Frank Greaves of Snodland passed away on 24th January 2008. Enquiries to Clarkes Funeral Services, Snodland 01634 240458

HADLEY
Olive Gwendoline Hadley of Canterbury passed away peacefully on 23rd January 2008. A loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother who will be sadly missed.

HART
Alan Henry Albert Hart of Maidstone died quietly at home after a short illness on 27th January 2008, aged 81.

HART
Louisa Hart of Mersham died peacefully on 21st January 2008. Thanksgiving Service at Willesborough Baptist Church, Hythe Road 2pm Monday 4th February 2008.

JEFFERY
Baby Alfie Jimmy James Jeffery sadly passed away at birth on 20th January. Beautiful son to Adam and Linda and brother to Scarlett. Will always be loved and never forgotten.

KING
Doris King of Lenfield Avenue Maidstone passed away on 26th January 2008, aged 90. Funeral service at Vinters Park Crematorium at 3.30pm on Thursday 7th February.

MARSH
Annie Marsh of Canterbury passed away peacefully on 5th January 2008.The funeral was held on 31st January at Barham Crematorium.

MEAKIN
Cyril Meakin of Birchington died peacefully on 22nd January 2008. Funeral service at Thanet Crematorium at 1.20pm on 4th February 2008.A loved one is not gone,until they are forgotten! And to live in the hearts of those left behind is to live forever!

SOOWAMBAR
After 65 years Michel sadly passed away on 23 January 2008. He will be missed. For further details contact Stanley Clare Undertakers on 020 8674 5764.

TERRY
TERRY Joan Margaret. Widow of Major M T H Terry deceased and Step-Grandmother of Diane Terry deceased. Died on 28th January 2008. Funeral Directors Kempsters of Tunbridge Wells.

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Dennis Knight
Goudhurst

Pay rise swallowed up

The new year started well with a modest pay rise after a couple of years of none, but within a couple of weeks of enjoying my increase, zap – fuel increased, so did gas and electric.

Waiting for the council tax and water to come along so my modest rise has already been swallowed up.

R Staples
Hythe

I won't help illegals

On January 20, you printed a request by Sue Powell asking us to pay to release an illegal immigrant from The Citadel immigration removal centre in Dover.

It was stated that many of these men were refused re-entry back into their own country but when they came to this country illegally they knew very well that people such as Kent Refugee Help and others were on hand to get legal aid and solicitors to fight their case.

Who pays for this I wonder?

On page 23, you printed an article about the Scrine Foundation in Thanet, which had been providing a temporary night shelter for the local homeless people.

This has now had to close because of lack of funds with no help from government or other sources.

I find it totally unacceptable that we in this country are asked to help pay for people who are here illegally but have free meals and accommodation provided when our own local homeless people are denied this help.

It cannot be right and I for one will not be contacting Kent Refugee Help.

J Marsh
Birchington

Police crash probe

I write in reply to your recent article 'Mother's death in police crash was tragic accident says jury'.

The investigation into the death of Rachel Cheesewright was managed by the IPCC which means the Independent Police Complaints had direction and control over the investigation which was carried out by Kent Police Professional Standards Department.

Although the forensic work was carried out by Kent Police specialist crash investigators this work was directly overseen by similarly skilled officers from Surrey Police.

In addition, the work was checked and verified by highly skilled crash investigation experts from two independent companies who came to broadly the same conclusions as the police investigators.

Nicola Williams
Independent Police Complaints Commission

Abolish police authority

There has been a national call for the Kent Police Authority to be abolished.

It has been made by Sir Simon Milton, chairman of the Local Government Association, a body which represents Kent County Council.

Your readers should welcome the demise of this and other police authorities.

They are nothing but an unnecessary burden on council taxpayers.

This burden was no better illustrated than when you published the stark fact that the KPA employed eight people at an average salary of £50,000.

How much can such a high level of remuneration be value for those of us who are forced to pay an annual police tax that is raised consistently above inflation?

Ann Barnes, chairwoman of this police body, was quick to quote plaudits and costs from Audit Commission's report.

Yet these figures were already in the public domain.

What she and her chief executive were less forthcoming about was when it came to accounting publicly for the costs of the latest 'must-have toys' by Kent Constabulary.

These are drones – unmanned spy planes – to view certain 'targets'.

She will not reveal the costs involved in buying and operating these drones.

What she will reveal, however, is that the next rise in the police tax will be just under five per cent.

The same imposition as before.

S John
Maidstone

Some licensing points

Regarding the letter, 'EU is to blame again', I wish to clarify that the BBC, not the Government, decided to transfer the contract for over-the-counter TV Licensing services from the Post Office to PayPoint.

The decision was taken to deliver the best value possible and provide a service that would enable licence payers to pay for their licence in a convenient and accessible way.

The BBC expects to save more than £100m during the life of the six-year contract, which will be put directly into programmes and services.

There are already more PayPoint outlets – over 18,000 – than Post Office branches across the country and this number is set to rise throughout 2007.

Furthermore, PayPoint outlets are open for an average of 100 hours per week; 98 per cent are open on Sundays, and 79 per cent are open from 9am to 8pm.

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Pipa Doubtfire
Head of Revenue Management
TV Licensing

On railways, is the glass one-third empty or two-thirds full?

Your report on customer satisfaction with Southeastern trains was a classic example of a newspaper homing in on the bad news rather than the good.

People feeling "angry" or "ripped off" makes a better story than reading about those who are satisfied with the progress being made.

Under the screaming headline, 'Railways: Pay more, get less', you can read in the small print, "just over 75 per cent of passengers were satisfied or very satisfied with Southeastern's service and 80 per cent said they were very happy with its punctuality and reliabilty".

Is the glass one-third empty or two-thirds full?

Anyone who knows anything about the history of railways in this part of the country and the inherited problems going far back to Victorian rivalries when the lines were constructed, will know levels of customer satisfaction are higher than they have ever been.

At last, after decades of neglect by all political parties and by the Tory MP Roger Gale's party in particular, improvements are being made.

Many people in the industry know that the privitisation of the railways was a hurried and ill-thought out scheme which requires amendment.

The relationship between government subsidies which the companies need for modernisation and the amount that companies have to recoup from customers in order to pay back the money has never been made clear.

If I was involved with the management of Southeatern trains, I would be more willing to be more transparent about financial matters if I thought the press would deal with the issues in a responsible manner.

The railways have always been fair game for a 'shock and horror' story. The Government for its part must surely realise that with the onset of climate change, ways have to be found to make travel by rail more affordable and attractive.

Time I think for a radical rethink and time to raise a glass to our railways and their future.

Christopher Byers
Whitstable

OAPs' bus misery

It is welcome news that Kent County Council is extending a scheme to give secondary school pupils unlimited travel on buses across the county, albeit for a one-off fee of £50.

However, what is most unwelcome is the announcement that those over 60 will now not be able to use their free bus pass until after 9.30am.

This is a completely unnecessary restriction and will considerably impede the regular vital journeys made by passengers over 60 who are going to the shops, doctors or dental surgeries, or visiting friends and relatives.

It seems that the council gives with one hand to teenagers, but takes away from tax-paying pensioners with the other.

Dr Alan Bullion
Liberal Democrats
Tunbridge Wells

Checked by a lawyer

I was interested to see Mike Eddy's letter titled 'KCC free Newspaper' last week.

He referred to the guidance given to local government on publicity. He should know that 'Around Kent' is always checked and verified by KCC's director of law and governance who ensures that it does not contravene this guidance.

We have a duty to keep Kent people informed of issues that affect them and on the services KCC is delivering.

Eight pence a copy, I am sure you will agree, is great value – particularly since that is half the cost of the previous format.

We are continually looking at ways of reducing costs and plan to reduce the total communications spend substantially in the coming year.

His letter oversimplifies complex issues. We the people of Kent deserve better than that and we will continue to provide real and factual information in the best, most cost-effective way that we can.

Cllr Alex King
Kent County Council

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Industry leaders help to ensure Kent works

YOUNG people struggling to decide which career path to follow are being given expert advice from business leaders in Kent.

By **JENNA PUDELEK**
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Kent County Council's Kent Works project has provided three masterclasses for school and college students across the county already and another one is planned for March 12 at the Hop Farm in Paddock Wood.

Olympian, businessman and motivational speaker Geoff Parsons addressed 200 young people from west and mid Kent schools at the Hop Farm last Wednesday.

The students also listened to a speech about the economic factors affecting them in their areas.

Paul Carter, KCC's leader, said: "These masterclasses form part of the Towards 2010 targets which we set for the county to raise the expectations and aspirations of our young people by giving all 14-19 year olds the very best careers guidance."

The authority said after the initial success of the initiative it planned to hold more events in May and June, with the venues still to be announced.

Cllr Carter added: "We hope that by organising these events at interesting venues with inspirational speakers and interactive workshops, we can help to create a stronger link between businesses in Kent and the young people who will make up the workforce of the future."

Inspire

The idea behind the initiative is that businessmen and women use their expertise and personal experience to inspire the county's young people.

Brands Hatch and the Dover Cruise Terminal have already hosted similar events.

KCC has encouraged leading people from the business world in Kent to talk about their own experience to offer quality careers advice.

Students took part in six interactive workshops that explored different aspects of the working world.

These included management and leadership, entrepreneurship and innovation, self-employment, branding yourself, dealing with change and work readiness.

Information on post-16 education was also available on options such as apprenticeships, further education, university and work-based training.

EDF Energy, construction company Direct Line Stuctures, Mack Multiples representing the food industries and marketing Big Solutions have taken part in the project.

Kent Works was established by KCC and has been awarded the Learning and Skills Council contract to deliver business education links across Kent.

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McDiploma on offer

MCDONALD'S is among three companies that have won approval to offer qualifications up to A-level or degree standards.

The fast-food giant, which has 28 outlets across Kent, the budget airline FlyBe and Network Rail are among the first firms to take part in the initiative intended to boost the amount of skilled workers across the country.

Students will be able to combine units from in-house courses with others to be awarded the Government's flagship new vocational and academic qualifications, diplomas.

The exams watchdog, the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority, said all the companies were allowed to award qualifications up to level three – which is equivalent to A-levels or the advanced diploma.

Flybe will be able to provide qualifications that could hypothetically form part of a degree, which is level four.

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Entrepreneurs of the future get told – you're hired

BUDDING entrepreneurs have taken part in a Kent university's version of the BBC reality hit The Apprentice.

But instead of facing the formidable Alan Sugar in the boardroom, the students pitched their business plans to Simon Westerman, the director of hospitality at the University of Kent.

Mr Westerman, who also supports Young Enterprise Business Groups, judged the ideas of young people from the Community College in Whitstable, the Marlowe Academy in Ramsgate, Pent Valley School in Folkestone and South Kent College.

The students' task was to develop a business plan to produce a new product or service aimed at new university students.

It had to take the form of a 'starter kit' that in some way made passage into university life easier for freshers.

The 14-17 year olds did market and financial research before presenting their ideas.

Mr Westerman said the project was intended to familiarize them with the kind of tasks they would be given as university business students.



BOSS: Students took part in a version of Alan Sugar's TV show

The winners were The Way to Go Team – Charlie Squirrell and Monique Stellengberg from the Marlowe Academy, Billy-Jean Michell and Danielle Booth from South Kent College, Hannah Reynold from Community College and Lucy Blackhall from Pent Valley School.

Mr Westerman added: "Their pitch was an internet resource to provide support to students. All six teams had creative ideas – obviously some budding future entrepreneurs here."

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Ref: EDS/963

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Informal enquiries to Professor Mike Weed on 01227 782743. **Ref: RDO/SSTL/77.**

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You must show initiative and be able to work without close supervision. Possession of relevant teaching qualifications, together with a level of IT literacy that encompasses familiarity with software applications for study support, would be advantageous. **Ref: STU/SSSU/77.**

Application forms and further details are available from www.canterbury.ac.uk. Alternatively please call 01227 782475 (answerphone) or e-mail hr@canterbury.ac.uk quoting the appropriate reference. No agencies.

Closing date unless stated: 15 February 2008.

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Post Ref:DFE

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For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel Office on 01227 811282 (24hr answerphone) quoting the post reference.

The closing date for the above post is Friday 22 February 2008 at 12 noon. Interviews will take place on: 13 & 14 March 2008.

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Closing Date: 15th February 2008 (applications must be submitted by midday)

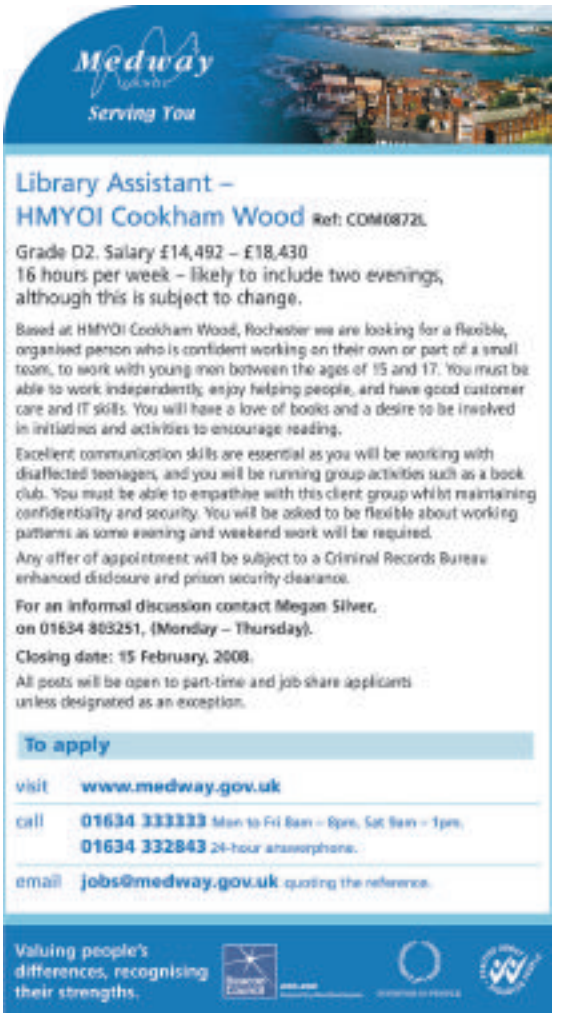
Interviews: 28th February 2008 • Start Date for post: 2nd June 2008
(The post would initially be in our Yr R/1 class)

Please come to visit the school and discuss the post further or contact.
Alison Goodman (Head Teacher), Hersden Community Primary School
Shaftesbury Road, Hersden, Kent. CT3 4HS
Tel: 01227 710414 • Fax: 01227 712162
Email: headteacher@hersden.kent.sch.uk

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You will need to provide evidence of commitment to the welfare of, and effective working with, vulnerable, disengaged KS4 students and have a proven commitment to multi-agency team working and curriculum innovation.

This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure application to the Criminal Records Bureau. **Ref: CFE/08/0017**

Closing date: midday, 7th February 2008.

Resilience Co-ordinator

£19,572 – £29,190 per annum Salary dependent on experience and progression through the Career Grade is based on the fulfilment of required competencies

Invicta House, Maidstone

KCC delivers vital services to the public and it is essential that it can continue to do so in times of crisis. To ensure this, we need an additional person to help develop our business continuity arrangements.

If you understand business continuity in its widest sense and can guide and motivate people who work across a broad range of disciplines, please contact us. Knowledge of Local Government functions and organisation would be an advantage, but we are not seeking IS/IT specialists.

As a member of the Emergency Planning Group you may also be actively involved in addressing any emergency affecting the County. **Ref: CD/08/0014.**

Closing date: midday, 13th February 2008.

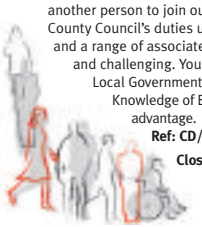
Emergency Planning Officer

Salary and location as above.

KCC and the District Councils in Kent play a vital role in responding to a wide range of emergencies, helping those affected and restoring the community to normality. We need another person to join our Team to assist in discharging the County Council's duties under the Civil Contingencies Act, and a range of associated activities. The work is interesting and challenging. You should have a sound knowledge of Local Government functions and organisation. Knowledge of Emergency Planning would be an advantage.

Ref: CD/08/0015

Closing date: midday, 13th February 2008.



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Team Manager – Adult Placement Scheme

Starting salary £29,190, with progression through contribution related pay to £34,507 per annum

Kroner House, Ashford

As a Team Manager, you will be skilled in managing and developing person centred support services that promote independence and inclusion.

You will need to be committed to work in partnership with staff, people who use our service and carers to ensure high quality services are delivered that meet Care Standards.

Good communication, budget management, business planning, performance management and people skills are essential to this post

We are committed to service user and carer involvement and seek to involve service users and carers in our recruitment processes.

This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau. **Ref: KASS/08/0020.**

Closing date: midday, 11th February 2008.

Adult Placement Assistants

£16,556 to £22,268 Pro Rata salary dependent on experience and progression through the career grade is based on the fulfilment of required competencies
Part-time 30 hours per week

Ashford, Kings Hill and Margate

As an Adult Placement Assistant you will assist the Adult Placement Officers in supporting and monitoring a growing caseload of placements.

You will work with carers, vulnerable adults, care managers and other professionals and need to demonstrate a person centred approach, excellent interpersonal/report writing skills and a good understanding of the needs of vulnerable people and the issues likely to impact on their lives

In return, you will receive a comprehensive induction, regular structured supervision and a strong commitment to training and development.

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This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau. **Ref: KASS/08/0008**

Closing date: midday, 11th February 2008.

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Required: from April or September 2008
PRIMARY MATHS SPECIALIST: 0.6 FTE
Salary: c. £28,500 p.a. (pro- rata)
Fixed Term: 2 year contract
(with possibility of extension dependent on funding)
Closing date: 15 February 2008

A highly motivated person is required to support achievement in numeracy in KS2 pupils at schools belonging to the Gravesham Excellence Cluster.
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- provide appropriate professional development to teachers and teaching assistants

For an informal discussion about this post please contact Phil Monaghan on 01474 365818

Further information and application forms are available from Mary Muro 01474 365818; or murom@graveshamec.org.uk Please apply to Phil Monaghan GEC Coordinator c/o Thamesview School Thong Lane, Gravesend, DA12 4LF.

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Client Liaison Officer Ref: CS08805

Grade D2. Salary £14,492 - £18,430 pro-rata. 37 hours per week

Working closely with all of the teams within the centre you will be at the heart of the organisation and delivery of a diverse range of groups, activities and events for local families with children under five-years-old. You will assist with the production and dissemination of information to families within the area and be a main point of contact for families wishing to access the services of the centre.

Nursery Officer Ref: CS08815

Grade D1. Salary £12,291 - £15,842 (working a shift pattern) 37 hours per week

Our popular full day care nursery is looking for another member of staff. If you have an early years qualification (minimum level 2) post qualifying experience and a passion for providing the highest quality care and education for children under five, then we would like to hear from you.

For an informal discussion about either post please contact the centre on 01634 338833.

All posts will be open to part time and job share applicants unless designated as an exception.

Any offer of appointment will be subject to a Criminal Records Bureau enhanced disclosure.

Closing date for both posts is Friday, 15 February, 2008.

Interviews are likely to be held week commencing 3 March, 2008.

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Parking Enforcement Manager Ref: RDO876C

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37 hours per week.

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Managing a front-line service, you will have responsibility for the deployment and operations of a team of parking attendants and supervisors, ensuring parking enforcement activities are delivered to the highest possible standard.

To meet the requirements of this post you will need to have excellent leadership skills, organisational skills and the ability to build effective working relationships with internal and external bodies.

Performance management skills, analytical and decision-making skills, and having the ability to communicate sensitively in some very challenging situations would also be essential requirements for this post. A sound understanding of parking legislation, inclusive of forthcoming changes, would be very advantageous.

For an informal discussion about this post please contact Rubena Hafizi, Parking Manager on 01634 331725.

Closing date: 15 February, 2008.

All posts will be open to part-time and job share applicants unless designated as an exception.

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At a time of unprecedented change the College is looking to recruit a number of professionals to help deliver our vision and values in the following areas.

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Additional Learning Support (CAST) Tutor **Ref: 183**
Lecturer Grade C: £28,415 - £31,954

The main task of the post-holder will be to organise, deliver, monitor and evaluate the additional learning support for learners. Preferably JCQ qualified. You will also have a recognised teaching qualification and be able to demonstrate recent, all round experience and knowledge in assessing and supporting learners.

Lecturer in Electrical Installation **Ref: 217**
Lecturer Grade C: £28,415 - £31,954

We are seeking to appoint enthusiastic professionals to teach, assess and participate in the development of Electrical Installation courses. The successful candidate will assist learners in all practical aspects of electrical installation and be able to assess competence at all levels on electrical programmes. The applicant must hold a relevant qualification in Electrical Installation and have proven trade experience.

Lecturer in Electrical Installation with Programme Co-ordination Responsibilities **Ref: 226**
Grade: Circa: £28,415 - £31,954

We have an excellent opportunity for a Lecturer in Electrical Installation who will be actively involved in the development and promotion of Electrical Installation programmes. The ideal candidate must hold a relevant qualification in Electrical Installation and have proven trade experience. This post would provide an excellent opportunity for a highly motivated lecturer to take a first step into Management.

Lecturer in Mechanical Engineering **Ref: 320**
Lecturer Grade C: £28,415 - £31,954

The primary role of the post-holder will be to teach, demonstrate, facilitate, assess machining operations and participate in the development of Mechanical Engineering courses. You will have proven experience in Mechanical Engineering and be able to teach across a range of levels from Foundation/GCSE to Higher National. The successful candidate will have a HNC or Degree in an Engineering subject. Knowledge of CAD/CAM would be an advantage, applicants should hold or be willing to work towards an approved teaching qualification.

Lecturer in Psychology **Ref: 262**
Lecturer Grade B: £24,361 - £27,897

We are looking for a Lecturer in Psychology is to teach on a range of courses and participate in the development of Psychology. Applicants should hold a relevant degree in Psychology and have the ability to teach A/S and A2 Level and Access courses.

Chef Lecturer in Hospitality and Catering **Ref: 294**
Lecturer Grade B: £24,361- £27,897

You will contribute to the development, management and teaching of hospitality programmes. With current knowledge and practical experience of the Catering Industry you will have sufficient teaching experience and educated to Level 3 or the equivalent in a relevant field. The candidate must have a recognised teaching qualification, Intermediate Food Hygiene certificate and possess either a D32/33 or A Award.

HE Lecturer in Tourism (22 hours per week) **Ref: 297**
Lecturer Grade C: £28,415 - £31,954 pro-rata

An opportunity has arisen for a HE Lecturer in Tourism. The main purpose of the role is to deliver and teach on our foundation degree in tourism. You will also be required to teach on a range of Travel and Tourism courses. You must have a degree in Tourism and be willing to work towards an appropriate teaching qualification.

Lecturer in Performing Arts **Ref: 081**
Lecturer Grade B £24,361 - £27,897

We have an exciting opportunity for a creative and dynamic individual with enthusiasm for working with younger students. The successful candidate will be involved with the development of the department, driving forward new ideas and must be able to demonstrate innovative ways of working.

You will have experience teaching in FE, ideally with an acting and/or drama specialisim with a minimum first degree in relevant subject area and hold an appropriate teaching qualification.

Lecturer in Basic Skills, Key Skills & ESOL **Ref: 383**
Lecturer Grade A: £16,399 - £23,840

The post holder will join a team of teachers who are responsible for delivering Skills for Life qualifications in ESOL, Key Skills and Basic Skills. The job involves preparing, organising and teaching ESOL, Key Skills and Basic Skills qualifications to full time and part time students. You will be a graduate with teaching experience and ideally have an ESOL/EFL qualification.

Personal Tutor (Fixed-Term & Permanent) **Ref: 132**
Grade E £19,161 - £24,700

As a Personal Tutor you will plan and deliver a full range of group tutorials to learners with a wide range of abilities. A key responsibility will be to effectively liaise with departmental staff, parents/guardians and attend various meetings to share relevant information. You will be able to work with minimum supervision and have experience of working in a coaching, mentoring or teaching capacity and be willing to undertake an appropriate teaching qualification.

Assessor in Engineering **Ref: 325A**
(15 hours per week)
Grade E: £19,161 - £24,700 pro-rata

An opportunity has arisen for an Assessor in Engineering. The successful candidates will be responsible for monitoring the progress of trainees and ensuring employers and managing agents are appraised of trainee progress in their respective areas. The post(s) will be responsible for assessing practical skills and internal verification of trainees therefore candidates should hold a relevant qualification for Mechanical Engineering or Services or Fabrication & Welding assessment.

Assessor/Reviewing Officer in Electrical Installation **Ref: N04**
Grade E: £19,161 - £24,700

We are looking for an Assessor/Officer in Electrical Installation. The successful candidate will review and assess learners in all aspects of electrical installation. You must possess a suitable qualification in Electrical Installation and have proven trade experience. Good communication skills, both verbal and written are essential and ability to travel between College sites.

Assessor/Reviewing Officer in Carpentry **Ref: 003**
Grade E: £19,161 - £24,700

As a member of Construction Crafts you will liaise with employers and learners to co-ordinate, review and assess apprentices on funded programmes. You will have experience working in the Construction Industry as a Wood Occupations Assessor and have up-to-date knowledge of assessment issues.

Personnel Officer **Ref: N01**
Grade: Circa £26,000 to £30,000

Using strong business acumen you will provide comprehensive generalist advice to our clients and work closely with senior managers on specific projects and TUPE transfers.

You will be able to demonstrate knowledge of employment legislation, including TUPE and have significant experience of capability, disciplinary and grievance procedures. The successful applicant must have the ability to introduce change effectively and diplomatically, whilst knowledge of payroll would be advantageous. You will have obtained a degree or equivalent qualification and CIPD membership/part membership or a willingness to work towards membership.

Personnel Advisor **Ref: 492**
Grade B: £14,618 - £17,994

As a member of the Personnel department you will compliment the existing team in all aspects of the day-to-day running of the College Personnel function. You will provide generalist advice to managers and staff and have an understanding of recent developments in employment legislation. The successful candidate will be educated to level 2/3 or equivalent and be able to demonstrate excellent administrative skills and practical knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel. In addition, an interest in Payroll would be advantageous and you will have obtained your CPP qualification or be willing to work towards it.

Payroll Assistant **Ref: 487**
Grade B: £14,618 - £17,994

As a member of the Personnel and Payroll department you will assist in all aspects of the day-to-day running of the College Payroll, including processing joiners, leavers, pensions and claim forms. You will be able to demonstrate excellent numeracy skills and have the ability to produce and manipulate data using spreadsheets. Previous Payroll experience and an interest in employee relations would be advantageous.

Technician in Beauty **Ref: 045**
Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727

We are looking to recruit a highly motivated individual to provide guidance and support to learners and assists with the running of various Clinics. You will be energetic with good organisational and communication skills and have relevant experience within the beauty industry.

Travel Shop Advisor **Ref: 313**
(15 hours per week)
Grade D: £17,341 - £22,239 pro-rata

A vacancy has arisen in our fully ABTA bonded travel agency for an experienced travel consultant. The candidate will be able to demonstrate an understanding of travel courses and provide comprehensive and professional travel provision for staff, students and visitors to the College.

Examinations Assistant **Ref: 605**
Grade B: £14,618 - £17,994

As the main point of contact for at least one Awarding Body you will provide administrative support for examinations in liaison with the examinations co-ordinator. You will have experience using databases and Microsoft Word and Excel.

Receptionist/Administrator **Ref: 464**
(Fixed-Term, Maternity Cover, Maidstone)
Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727 per annum

Receptionist/Administrator (Chatham & Rochester) **Ref: 397**
Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727

As a member of the multi-disciplined Campus Management Team you will provide a comprehensive and efficient front-line service to College stakeholders. You will undertake the full range of reception and administrative duties and have experience using MS Office applications. Previous reception/administration and front-line experience essential.

Library Assistant **Ref: 559**
(18.5 hours per week 40 weeks per year)
Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727 pro-rata

As part of a team you will assist in the provision of front line library services, ensuring the delivery of high quality, easily accessible services to all users. We are looking to appoint a professional and enthusiastic individual with excellent administrative skills who is able to work accurately with alpha/numeric systems. You will be educated to GCSE or equivalent level in Mathematics and English.

Learner Finance Administrator **Ref: 615**
Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727

Your prime responsibility will be to define and maintain a central College system for delivering the administrative requirements of all Learner Finance services within set financial guidelines. Services include, Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) and the Audit Learning Grant (ALG).

Department Administrator **Ref: 442**
(Fixed-Term, Maternity Cover)
Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727 per annum

You will provide efficient and effective day-to-day administrative support and assistance to at least one department. You will have excellent administrative skills and experience using Microsoft Office applications.

Apprentice in Administration **Ref: N02**
(1 year Fixed-Term Contract)
Grade A: based on percentage of £9,350

As a member of the Curriculum Team you will provide support to College stakeholders and the learning and development function. The successful candidate will develop competencies to meet NVQ Level 2 Standards of performance.

Administration Assistant **Ref: 485**
(Fixed-Term, Maternity Cover)
Grade B: £14,618 - £17,994 per annum

Working with the Learning and development team you will assist in the planning and co-ordination of all Continuing Professional Development (CPD) activities. Advanced knowledge and experience of using Microsoft Office and the ability to plan, organise and take minutes of meetings is essential.

Entry to Employment Facilitator **Ref: N03**
(6 months Fixed-Term)
Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727 pro-rata

We are looking to recruit an individual with excellent administration skills to assist with the day-to-day recording of student progress and to liaise with external and internal agencies under the guidance of Tutors.

Please note that all posts are subject to a 3% cost of living increase effective from 1 February 2008.

The benefits of joining Mid-Kent College include generous annual leave, final salary pension scheme, flexible working and on-site gym.

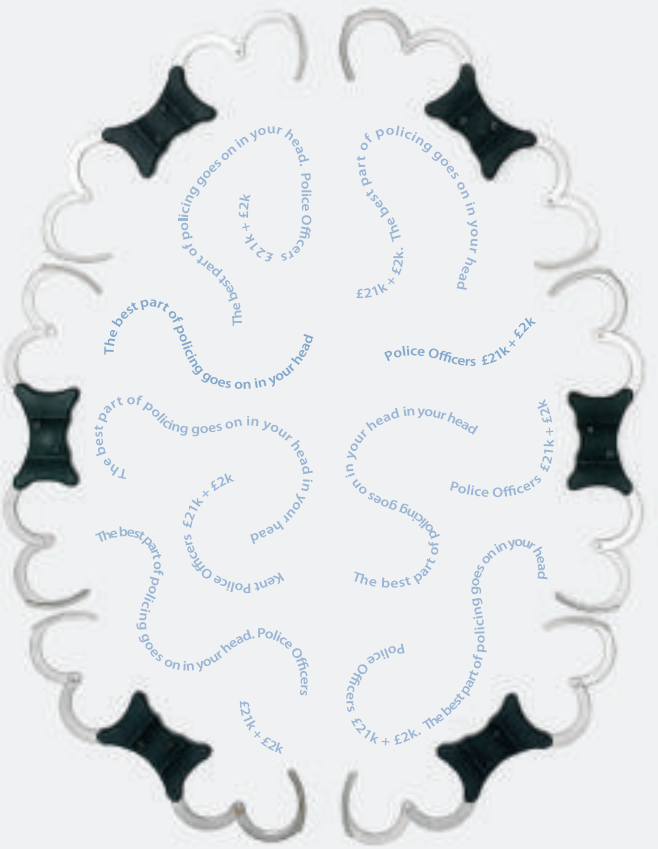
All posts are subject to an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.

Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please call the Personnel department on 01634 845402 (24 hour answer machine) or e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk quoting the appropriate reference number.

Closing date: Friday, 15 February 2008

Mid-Kent College is committed to Equal Opportunities and encourages applications from all sections of the community and welcomes applications from under represented groups including black, minority ethnic and disabled people.

Kent Police



Police Officers

£21,009 plus £2,000
South East Allowance

The best part of policing goes on in your head. Understanding the criminal mind, evaluating situations and empathising with victims – there's more to policing in Kent than you might think. When you've completed your training, you can look forward to a highly rewarding and varied career – with the opportunity to specialise as you develop. But first you'll face a competitive selection process followed by two years of practical area-based work combined with classroom-based learning. Whatever your background or previous experience, if you have an open mind, please contact us for an application form. Hard copy application forms are available until Friday 15th February 2008, by calling our 24 hour recruitment hotline on 01622 650400 or by emailing policeapplication@kent.pnn.police.uk
All applications must be submitted by Monday 25th February 2008.

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PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Teacher

Deanwood Primary Ed. Technology School
Key Stage 2 teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and temporary
Term of Contract: 3 terms
Required From: 25 February 2008
Closing date: 5 February 2008
To apply/more information
Mr R Halls, Headteacher
Deanwood Primary Ed. Technology School
Long Catlis Road
Parkwood
Gillingham
Kent ME8 9TX
Telephone - (01634) 231901
Email
headteacher@medway.sch.uk

Riverside Primary School
Key Stage 1 teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 15 February 2008
To apply/more information
School Office
Riverside Primary School
St Edmunds Way
Rainham
Kent ME8 8ET
Telephone - (01634) 338700
Email
office@riverside.medway.sch.uk

Skinner Street Primary School
Year 5 teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and temporary
Term of Contract: Maternity Cover
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing date: 19 February 2008
To apply/more information
School Office
Skinner Street Primary School
Skinner Street
Gillingham
Kent ME7 1LG
Telephone - (01634) 850213
Email
office@skinnerst.medway.sch.uk

St Margarets CEVC Junior School
KS2 Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing date: 8 February 2008
To apply/more information
Paul Gabbett Headteacher
St Margarets CEVC Junior School
Orchard Street
Rainham
Kent ME8 9AE
Telephone - (01634) 230998
Email office@stmargarets.org.uk

Deputy Headteacher

St Margarets At Troy Town CE Primary School
Deputy Headteacher
Salary: Leadership scale 7 – 11 (£40,590 - £44,790)
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing date: 4 February 2008
To apply/more information
Ms J Falk, Headteacher
St Margarets At Troy Town CE Primary School
King Street
Rochester
Kent ME1 1YF
Telephone - (01634) 843843
Email: headteacher@st-margaretsattroytown.medway.sch.uk

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Teacher

Rainham Mark Grammar School
Science Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 7 February 2008
To apply/more information
School office
Rainham Mark Grammar School
Pump Lane
Gillingham
Kent ME8 7AJ
Telephone - (01634) 364151
Email office@
rainhammark.medway.sch.uk

Rainham Mark Grammar School
Mathematics Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 7 February 2008
To apply/more information
School office
Rainham Mark Grammar School
Pump Lane
Gillingham
Kent ME8 7AJ
Telephone - (01634) 364151
Email office@
rainhammark.medway.sch.uk

Rainham Mark Grammar School
Teacher of Design Technology - Electronic Products
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 14 February 2008
To apply/more information
School office
Rainham Mark Grammar School
Pump Lane
Gillingham
Kent ME8 7AJ
Telephone - (01634) 364151
Email office@
rainhammark.medway.sch.uk

Rainham Mark Grammar School
Teacher of English
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 14 February 2008
To apply/more information
School office
Rainham Mark Grammar School
Pump Lane
Gillingham
Kent ME8 7AJ
Telephone - (01634) 364151
Email: office@
rainhammark.medway.sch.uk

Rainham School for Girls
Teacher of Food Technology & Child Development
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and permanent
Required From: April or September 2008
Closing date: 11 February 2008
To apply/more information
Mrs D Francis, Personnel Officer
Rainham School for Girls
Derwent Way
Rainham
Kent ME8 0BX
Telephone - (01634) 362746
Email dfrancis@rsg.org.uk

Chatham Grammar School for Girls
Teacher of Design Technology (Textiles)
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 15 February 2008
To apply/more information
The School office
Chatham Grammar School for Girls
Rainham Road
Chatham
Kent ME5 7EH
Telephone - (01634) 851262
Email chile001@medway.org.uk

The Thomas Aveling School
Teacher of Design Technology
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 6 February 2008
To apply/more information
Mr R Hart, Headteacher
The Thomas Aveling School
Arethusa Road
Rochester
Kent ME1 2UW
Telephone - (01634) 844809
Email office@thomasaveling.co.uk

The Thomas Aveling School
Teacher of ICT
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 6 February 2008
To apply/more information
Mr R Hart, Headteacher
The Thomas Aveling School
Arethusa Road
Rochester
Kent ME1 2UW
Telephone - (01634) 844809
Email office@thomasaveling.co.uk

Head of subject

The Howard School
Head of Spanish
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR of £2,364
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing date: 8 February 2008
To apply/more information
Mr P Morris, Headteacher
The Howard School
Derwent Way, Rainham
Kent ME8 0BX
Telephone - (01634) 388765
Email
office@howard.medway.sch.uk

Key Stage Leader

The Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive School
Key Stage Leader - English
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR 2c (£2,364)
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 21 April/ 1 September 2008
Closing date: 4 February 2008
To apply/more information
Mr A Williams, Headteacher
The Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive School
Main Road, Hoo
Rochester
Kent ME3 9HH
Telephone - (01634) 251443
Email crutk001@medway.org.uk

SPECIAL SCHOOLS

Danecourt Community School
Class teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS + SEN 2
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing date: 6 February 2008
To apply/more information
Mrs Royle
Danecourt Community School
Hotel Road
Gillingham
Kent ME8 6AA
Telephone - (01634) 232589
Email roylk001@medway.gov.uk

www.medway.gov.uk/teachingcareers

Any offer of employment will be subject to a satisfactory Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau check

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Sheppey College

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Placement Officer – Childcare
18.5 hrs per week, salary starting from £14,464 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: SHPO/KOS

Supply Lecturers are required in the following areas:

Administration
Various hours available, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: SH/Admin/KOS

Beauty
Various hours available, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: SH/Beauty/KOS

Hair
Various hours available, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.
Post ref: SH/Hair/KOS

For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel Office on 01227 811282 (24hr answerphone) quoting the post reference.
The closing date for the above posts is Monday 18 February 2008 at 12 noon.

Staff benefits include:
- Pensions and Life Assurance Scheme
- Proximity to Main bus/train Stations
- Close to City Centre
- Sports Hall and Gym
- Generous Holiday Allowance
- Staff Discount Scheme

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Lecturer Beauty Therapy and Holistic Therapies
37 hrs per week, salary range £17,729 - £25,420 per annum.
Post Ref: 02/43/KOS

Head Chef
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £16,284 per annum.
Post Ref: HC1/KOS

Supply Lecturers are required in the following areas:

Basic Skills (at Canterbury and Sheppey College)
Various hours available, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: S/BS/KOS

Hairdressing
Various hours available, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.
Post ref: S/Hair/KOS

Health & Social Care
Various hours available, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: S/HSC/KOS

Business
Various hours available, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: S/Bus/KOS

Management & CIPD courses
Various hours available, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: S/M&CIPD/KOS

Accounting
Various hours available, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: S/AC/KOS

Law
Various hours available, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: S/Law/KOS

ICT and Computing
Various hours available, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: S/ICT/KOS

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Supply NVQ Assessors are required in the following areas:

Cleaning and Support Services
Various hours available, salary range £17,640 – £25,294 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: NVQ/CS/KOS

Business Administration, Customer Service & Team Leading
Various hours available, salary range £17,640 – £25,294 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: NVQ/BUS/KOS

Performance Review Officer
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £23,536 per annum. Interviews to be held on 29th February 2008.
Post Ref: PRO/KOS

Marketing & Communications Assistant
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £14,464 per annum.
Post ref: 08/23/KOS

Media and Public Relations Officer
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £20,674 per annum.
Post Ref: 08/24/KOS

Publications and Design Officer
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £20,674 per annum.
Post Ref: 08/25/KOS

Temporary Advice and Guidance Co-ordinator
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £20,674 per annum.
Temporary post not to exceed six months.
Post Ref: 07/97/KOS

Curriculum Support Assistant Construction
18.5 hrs per week, 38 weeks term time. Salary starting from £18,285 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: 06/201/KOS

Curriculum Support Assistant Plumbing
18.5 hrs per week, 38 weeks term time. Salary starting from £18,285 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: 06/202/KOS

Temporary Senior Administrator for Work Based Learning
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £18,285 per annum. Temporary post up to 1 May 2009 to cover maternity leave.
Post Ref: ATC1/KOS

Temporary Train to Gain Administrator
18.5 hrs per week, salary starting from £14,464 pro rata per annum. Temporary post up to 16 January 2009 to cover maternity leave.
Post Ref: 07/83/KOS

Full Time Cleaners
2 posts at 37 hrs per week, salary £6.10 per hour.
Post Ref: 08/21/KOS

Night Cleaners
Up to 10 posts at 20 hrs per week, salary £6.10 per hour.
Post Ref: 08/22/KOS

For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel Office on 01227 811282 (24hr answerphone) quoting the post reference.

The closing date for the above posts is Monday 18 February 2008 at 12 noon.

Staff benefits include:
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- Close to City Centre
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Estates & Building Services Manager

Salary: £44,149 – £49,875 37 hrs per week
Post ref: EBSM1

Are you experienced in Estates and Building Services Management?
Do you have the energy and drive to shape the future?

We are seeking an experienced and talented individual to ensure that College sites are fully utilised, maintained and enhanced, to provide an optimum learning and working environment for all users. You will have the opportunity to develop the College's property and accommodation strategies.

You will lead on the preparation of maintenance and small buildings works programmes and schedules, health and safety strategy and policy, and ensure the provision and maintenance of effective fire precautions, security systems and safety arrangements.

You will develop and manage the College's energy management policy, advise on the use of professional services in connection with estates services, and will take responsibility for buildings & grounds maintenance and security for the insurance of the premises and assets.

To be successful, you will have a relevant professional qualification such as RICS, RIBA, MBIFM, or MIMechE, as well as professional qualifications in the area of Estates Management. You will be able to demonstrate considerable and successful estates management experience, with experience of managing change, a commitment to continuous improvement as well as having direct experience of line managing staff, budgets and resource management.

For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel Office on 01227 811282 (24hr answerphone) quoting the post reference.
The closing date for the above post is Wednesday 20 February at 12 noon.
Interviews will be held on Thursday 28th February 2008.

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ADMINISTRATION, SECRETARIAL, PA

JOB TITLE:
Part Time PA/Administrator
LOCATION:
Westerham
SALARY:
£25,000 P/R
COMPANY:
Jobfinders
Wed-Fri. Intermediate MS Office, strong admin/secretarial skills
TO APPLY:
Debbie,
Jobfinders
Tel: 020 8289 9901
Email: debbie@jobfinders.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Administrative Assistant / Clinical Assistant
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Zeetech Services Ltd
TO APPLY:
Zeetech Services Ltd
Email admin@idealspinecentre.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
8th February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Administrator and PA to Doctor
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Zeetech Services Ltd
TO APPLY:
Zeetech Services Ltd
Email admin@idealspinecentre.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
8th February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Clerical Assistant
LOCATION:
Gravesend
SALARY:
Salary: Circa £11,500 – £14,500
COMPANY:
Gravesham Borough Council
TO APPLY:
Customer Services
Gravesham Borough Council
Tel: 01474 33 70 00
Email customer.services @gravesham.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
8 February 2008.

JOB TITLE:
Clerical Officer
LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
Medway Scale D2, points 12 – 21 £14,492 - £18,430 (pro rata)
COMPANY:
Abbey Court School
TO APPLY:
Abbey Court School
Tel: 01634 338224
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
1st Feb 2008

JOB TITLE:
Courses Co-ordinator
LOCATION:
Tonbridge
SALARY:
£21,000 - £23,000 per annum
COMPANY:
Jee Limited
TO APPLY:
Jee Limited
Email recruitment@jee.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Full Time Administrator
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
£16,000 per annum
COMPANY:
Outlook Fostering Services
TO APPLY:
Outlook Fostering Services
Tel: 01233 610661
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
22nd February 2008

JOB TITLE:
SIMS/Secretary
LOCATION:
Maidstone
SALARY:
tba
COMPANY:
Greenfields Community Primary School
TO APPLY:
Greenfields Community Primary School
Tel: 01622 758538
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Supply NVQ Assessor: Business Administration, Customer Service and Team Leading
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
£17,640 – £25,294 pro rata per annum
COMPANY:
Canterbury College
TO APPLY:
Canterbury College
Tel: 01227 811282
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
Monday 18 February 08 at12 noon

AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, ENVIRONMENT

JOB TITLE:
Coastal Technician
LOCATION:
Folkestone
SALARY:
£20,004 to £24,444 + Benefits
COMPANY:
Shepway District Council
TO APPLY:
Shepway District Council
Tel: (01303) 853481 - 24 hour answer phone
Email jobs@shepway.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
Friday 15 February 2008

ART AND DESIGN

JOB TITLE:
Deputy Studio Manager
LOCATION:
Folkestone
SALARY:
Competitive salary + benefits
COMPANY:
Saga
TO APPLY:
Sally-Jane Plenge
Saga
Email human.resources@saga.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
22 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Freelance Designers And Copywriters
LOCATION:
Folkestone
SALARY:
tba
COMPANY:
Saga
TO APPLY:
Sally-Jane Plenge
Saga
Email human.resources@saga.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
22 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Publications and Design Officer
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
Starting from £20,674 per annum
COMPANY:
Canterbury College
TO APPLY:
Canterbury College
Tel: 01227 811282
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
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CATERING, HOSPITALITY

JOB TITLE:
Head Chef
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
Starting from £16,284 per annum
COMPANY:
Canterbury College
TO APPLY:
Canterbury College
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
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JOB TITLE:
Kitchen Assistant
LOCATION:
Isle of Sheppey
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Little Oyster Residential Home
TO APPLY:
Chris
Little Oyster Residential Home
Tel: 01795 870608
Email chriskite@blueyonder.co.uk

CHILD CARE

JOB TITLE:
Experienced Childminder/Nanny
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
£80 per week
COMPANY:
Victoria Lloyd
TO APPLY:
Victoria Lloyd
Victoria Lloyd
Tel: 07739109339
Email vlloyd@salans.com

JOB TITLE:
Play Assistant
LOCATION:
Sevenoaks
SALARY:
tba
COMPANY:
Spring House Family Service
TO APPLY:
Spring House Family Service
Tel: 01732 465539
Email admin@springhouse.org.uk

JOB TITLE:
Secure Training Centre Assistant
LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
Days: £19,086 pa - Nights: £17,573 pa
COMPANY:
Rebound
TO APPLY:
Rebound
Emailapplications@jobsforkent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Social Worker
LOCATION:
Folkestone
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Family Matters Fostering Ltd
TO APPLY:
Family Matters Fostering Ltd
Email morag@fml.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
8th February 2008

CONSTRUCTION, ARCHITECTURE, SURVEYORS

JOB TITLE:
Carpenter/Joiner
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
dependant on experience
COMPANY:
Serco Local Government
TO APPLY:
Lynne Beckley
Serco Local Government
Tel: 01227 819419
Email
lbeckley@canterbury.serco.com

JOB TITLE:
Estates and Building Services Manager
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
£44,149 – £49,875
COMPANY:
Canterbury College
TO APPLY:
Canterbury College
Tel: 01227 811282
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
Wednesday 20 February at 12 noon

JOB TITLE:
Plasterer, Floor Screeder, Damp Proofing and Timber Treatment Technicians
LOCATION:
Belvedere
SALARY:
tba
COMPANY:
Swiftcure Ltd
TO APPLY:
Swiftcure Ltd
Tel: 0800 454777
Email info@swiftcure.com

JOB TITLE:
Qualified CAD Draughtsperson
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
tba
COMPANY:
Stewart Fraser Ltd
TO APPLY:
Mr G.Phillips
Stewart Fraser Ltd
Email gaphillips@stewartfraser.com

JOB TITLE:
Quantity Surveyor/Estimator
LOCATION:
Thanet
SALARY:
tba
COMPANY:
Downfast Demolition & Salvage
TO APPLY:
Downfast Demolition & Salvage
Email info@dds-demolition.co.uk.

JOB TITLE:
Site Foreman/Carpenter
LOCATION:
Faversham
SALARY:
Good Rates of Pay
COMPANY:
Burton Group
TO APPLY:
Burton Group
Tel: 01795 520011
Email rhumphries@burton-group.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Surveyor
LOCATION:
Belvedere
SALARY:
tba
COMPANY:
Swiftcure Ltd
TO APPLY:
Swiftcure Ltd
Tel: 0800 454777
Email
info@swiftcure.com

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JOB TITLE:
Desk Based Sales Executive
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
Basic 14k+£16k OTE commission (total £30k)
COMPANY:
BT Local Business
TO APPLY:
Darren Burton
BT Local Business
Tel: 01732 873 344
Email darren.burton @btlocalbusiness.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Library Assistant
LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
Grade D2. Salary £14,492 – £18,430
COMPANY:
Medway Council
TO APPLY:
Megan Silver
Medway Council
Tel: 01634 803251
Email jobs@medway.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
15 February 2008

DOMESTIC

JOB TITLE:
Caretakers Assistant
LOCATION:
Meopham
SALARY:
£14164 pa + £479 pa Area Allowance
COMPANY:
National Autistic Society
TO APPLY:
Michelle Hunt
National Autistic Society
Tel: 01474 814878
Email helenallison@nas.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
18th February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Domestic/Kitchen Staff
LOCATION:
Sevenoaks
SALARY:
£5.75-£7.00 per hour + Bonus Scheme
COMPANY:
Holywell Park Ltd
TO APPLY:
Debbie
Holywell Park Ltd
Tel: 01732-822215
Email holywellpark@aol.com

JOB TITLE:
Full Time Cleaners
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
£6.10 per hour
COMPANY:
Canterbury College
TO APPLY:
Canterbury College
Tel: 01227 811282
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
Monday 18 February 2008at 12 noon

JOB TITLE:
Night Cleaners
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
£6.10 per hour
COMPANY:
Canterbury College
TO APPLY:
Canterbury College
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EDUCATION, TEACHER, SCHOOL

JOB TITLE:
Administration Assistant
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade B: £14,618 - £17,994 per annum
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College
Tel: 01634 845402
Email
job.applications@midkent.ac.uk
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15 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Adult Placement Assistants
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
£16,556 to £22,268 Pro Rata salary dependent on experience and progression
COMPANY:
Kent County Council
TO APPLY:
Kent County Council
Tel: 0845 8247 904
Email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
11th February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Apprentice in Administration
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade A: based on percentage of £9,350
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College
Tel: 01634 845402
Email
job.applications@midkent.ac.uk
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JOB TITLE:
Assessor in Engineering
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade E: £19,161 - £24,700 pro-rata
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College
Tel: 01634 845402
Email
job.applications@midkent.ac.uk
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JOB TITLE:
Assessor/Reviewing Officer in Carpentry
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade E: £19,161 - £24,700
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College
Tel: 01634 845402
Email
job.applications@midkent.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
15 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Assessor/Reviewing Officer in Electrical Installation
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade E: £19,161 - £24,700
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College
Tel: 01634 845402
Email
job.applications@midkent.ac.uk
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JOB TITLE:
Assistant Head Teacher with SENCo and Numeracy Co-ordinator
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
Grade: L 1- 5
COMPANY:
Hersden Community Primary
TO APPLY:
Alison Goodman
Hersden Community Primary
Tel: 01227 710414
Email
headteacher@hersden.kent.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
15th February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Assistant Registrar – Timetabling and Rooming
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
£32,796 to £40,335 per annum
COMPANY:
Canterbury Christ Church University
TO APPLY:
Canterbury Christ Church University
Email hr@canterbury.ac.uk

JOB TITLE:
Assistant To The Site Manager (Part Time/Full Time)
LOCATION:
Maidstone
SALARY:
Band 2 - £12,219 - £13,352 depending on experience
COMPANY:
TO APPLY:
St Simon Stock Catholic School
Tel: 01622 689424
Email laws@st-simon-stock.kent.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
11th February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Chef Lecturer in Hospitality and Catering
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade B: £24,361- £27,897
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College
Tel: 01634 845402
Email
job.applications@midkent.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
15 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Cover Supervisor
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
Kent Scheme Level 5 (£16,221 – 17,842 pro rata)
COMPANY:
Spires Academy
TO APPLY:
Spires Academy
Email
m.wigington@spiresacademy.com
Closing Date
4TH FEBRUARY 2008

JOB TITLE:
Department Administrator
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727 per annum
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College
Tel: 01634 845402
Email
job.applications@midkent.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
15 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Deputy Headteacher
LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
Leadership scale 7 – 11 (£40,590 - £44,790)
COMPANY:
St Margarets At Troy Town CE Primary School
TO APPLY:
Ms J Falk, Headteacher
St Margarets At Troy Town CE Primary School
Tel: 01634 843843
Email headteacher@st-margaretsattroytown.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
4 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Emergency Planning Officer
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
£19,572 – £29,190 per annum Salary
COMPANY:
Kent County Council
TO APPLY:
Kent County Council
Tel: 0845 8247 904
Email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
13th February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Entry to Employment Facilitator
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727 pro-rata
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College
Tel: 01634 845402
Email
job.applications@midkent.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
15 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Examinations Assistant
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade B: £14,618 - £17,994
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College
Tel: 01634 845402
Email
job.applications@midkent.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
15 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
HE Lecturer in Tourism
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade C: £28,415 - £31,954 pro-rata
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College
Tel: 01634 845402
Email
job.applications@midkent.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
15 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Key Stage 1 Teacher
LOCATION:
Rainham
SALARY:
MPS/UPS
COMPANY:
Riverside Primary School
TO APPLY:
School Office
Riverside Primary School
Tel: 01634 338700
Email
office@riverside.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
15 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Key Stage Leader - English
LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
MPS/UPS + TLR 2c (£2,364)
COMPANY:
Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive School
TO APPLY:
Mr A Williams, Headteacher
Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive School
Tel: 01634 251443
Email crutk001@medway.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
4 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Learner Finance Administrator
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College
Tel: 01634 845402
Email
job.applications@midkent.ac.uk
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15 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Lecturer
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade C: £28,415 - £31,954
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College
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Email
job.applications@midkent.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
15 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Lecturer - Beauty Therapy and Holistic Therapies
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
£17,729 - £25,420 per annum
COMPANY:
Canterbury College
TO APPLY:
Canterbury College
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JOB TITLE:
Lecturer in Basic Skills, Key Skills and ESOL
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade A: £16,399 - £23,840
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College
Tel: 01634 845402
Email
job.applications@midkent.ac.uk
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JOB TITLE:
Lecturer in Electrical Installation
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade C: £28,415 - £31,954
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College
Tel: 01634 845402
Email
job.applications@midkent.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
15 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Lecturer in Electrical Installation Ref: 226 with Programme Co-ordination Responsibilities
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade: Circa: £28,415 - £31,954
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College
Tel: 01634 845402
Email
job.applications@midkent.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
15 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Lecturer in Mechanical Engineering
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade C: £28,415 - £31,954
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College
Tel: 01634 845402
Email
job.applications@midkent.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
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JOB TITLE:
Lecturer, Animal Management
LOCATION:
Tonbridge
SALARY:
£21,762 to £29,337 per annum
COMPANY:
Hadlow College
TO APPLY:
Hadlow College
Tel: 01732 850551
Email jobs@hadlow.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
11th February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Library Assistant
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727 pro-rata
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College
Tel: 01634 845402
Email
job.applications@midkent.ac.uk
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JOB TITLE:
Payroll Assistant
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade B: £14,618 - £17,994
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College
Tel: 01634 845402
Email
job.applications@midkent.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
15 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Personal Tutor (Fixed-Term and Permanent)
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade E £19,161 - £24,700
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College
Tel: 01634 845402
Email
job.applications@midkent.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
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JOB TITLE:
Personnel Advisor
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade B: £14,618 - £17,994
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College
Tel: 01634 845402
Email
job.applications@midkent.ac.uk
Closing Date
15 FEBRUARY 2008

JOB TITLE:
Personnel Officer
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade: Circa £26,000 to £30,000
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College
Tel: 01634 845402
Email
job.applications@midkent.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
15 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Primary Maths Specialist (0.6 fte)
LOCATION:
Gravesend
SALARY:
c. £28,500 p.a. (pro- rata)
COMPANY:
Gravesham Excellence Cluster
TO APPLY:
Mary Muro
Gravesham Excellence Cluster
Tel: 01474 365818
Email murom@graveshamec.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
15 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Science Technician
LOCATION:
Tonbridge
SALARY:
£15,853 to £18,085 p.a. (pro rata)
COMPANY:
Hadlow College
TO APPLY:
Human Resources Department
Hadlow College
Tel: 01732 850551
Email jobs@hadlow.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
18th February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Study Skills Adviser (18.5 hours)
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
£27,466 to £29,139 pro-rata per annum
COMPANY:
Canterbury Christ Church University
TO APPLY:
Canterbury Christ Church University
Tel: 01227 782475
Email hr@canterbury.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
15 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Supply Lecturer: Accounting
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
£17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum
COMPANY:
Canterbury College
TO APPLY:
Canterbury College
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JOB TITLE:
Supply Lecturer: Administration
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
£17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum
COMPANY:
Canterbury College
TO APPLY:
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JOB TITLE:
Supply Lecturer: Basic Skills (at Canterbury and Sheppey College)
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
£17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum
COMPANY:
Canterbury College
TO APPLY:
Canterbury College
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JOB TITLE:
Supply Lecturer: Beauty
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
£17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum
COMPANY:
Canterbury College
TO APPLY:
Canterbury College
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Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
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JOB TITLE:
Supply Lecturer: Business
LOCATION:
CANTERBURY
SALARY:
£17,729 – £25,420 PRO RATA PER ANNUM
COMPANY:
CANTERBURY COLLEGE
TO APPLY:
Canterbury College
Tel: 01227 811282
Email
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JOB TITLE:
Supply Lecturer: Hair
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
£17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum
COMPANY:
Canterbury College
TO APPLY:
Canterbury College
Tel: 01227 811282
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
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JOB TITLE:
Supply Lecturer: Hairdressing
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum
COMPANY:
Canterbury College
TO APPLY:
Canterbury College
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JOB TITLE:
Supply Lecturer: Health and Social Care
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum
COMPANY:
Canterbury College
TO APPLY:
Canterbury College
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JOB TITLE:
Supply Lecturer: ICT and Computing
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
£17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum
COMPANY:
Canterbury College
TO APPLY:
Canterbury College
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Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
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JOB TITLE:
Supply Lecturer: Law
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
£17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum
COMPANY:
Canterbury College
TO APPLY:
Canterbury College
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JOB TITLE:
Teacher of Design Technology (Textiles)
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
MPS/UPS
COMPANY:
Chatham Grammar School for Girls
TO APPLY:
The School Office
Chatham Grammar School for Girls
Tel: 01634 851262
Email chile001@medway.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
15 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Teacher of English
LOCATION:
Gillingham
SALARY:
MPS/UPS
COMPANY:
Rainham Mark Grammar
TO APPLY:
School Office
Rainham Mark Grammar
Tel: 01634 364151
Email
office@rainhammark.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
14 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Teacher of Food Technology and Child Development
LOCATION:
Rainham
SALARY:
MPS/UPS
COMPANY:
Rainham School for Girls
TO APPLY:
Mrs D Francis, Personnel Officer
Rainham School for Girls
Tel: 01634 362746
Email dfrancis@rsg.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
11 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Teacher Of History
LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
tba
COMPANY:
Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School
TO APPLY:
Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School
Tel: 01634 844008
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Teacher of ICT
LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
MPS/UPS
COMPANY:
Thomas Aveling School
TO APPLY:
Mr R Hart, Headteacher
Thomas Aveling School
Tel: 01634 844809
Email office@thomasaveling.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
6 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Teacher of P.E

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LOCATION:
Sheerness
SALARY:
tba
COMPANY:
Cheyne Middle School
TO APPLY:
Cheyne Middle School
Tel: 01795 662474
Email maggie@cheyne.kent.sch.uk

JOB TITLE:
Team Manager – Adult Placement Scheme
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
Starting salary £29,190, with progression through contribution related pay to £34,507 per annum
COMPANY:
Kent County Council
TO APPLY:
Kent County Council
Tel: 0845 8247 904
Email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
11th February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Technician in Beauty
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College
Tel: 01634 845402
Email
job.applications@midkent.ac.uk
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15 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Temporary Advice and Guidance Co-ordinator
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
Starting from £20,674 per annum
COMPANY:
Canterbury College
TO APPLY:
Canterbury College
Tel: 01227 811282
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applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
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JOB TITLE:
Temporary Advice and Guidance Co-ordinator
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
Starting from £20,674 per annum
COMPANY:
Canterbury College
TO APPLY:
Canterbury College
Tel: 01227 811282
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JOB TITLE:
Unqualified Tutor
LOCATION:
Folkestone
SALARY:
Unqualified Tutor Scale £14,751 – £23,331 pa
COMPANY:
Kent County Council
TO APPLY:
Kent County Council
Tel: 0845 8247 904
Email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
7th February 2008

ENGINEERING, MANUFACTURING, UTILITIES

JOB TITLE:
Electrician
LOCATION:
N/A
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Amwell Electrical
TO APPLY:
Robert Chapman
Amwell Electrical
Tel: 01992 440466
Email Robert@amwellelectrical.com

JOB TITLE:
Sales Support Technician
LOCATION:
Herne Bay
SALARY:
tba
COMPANY:
Flexicon (Europe) Ltd
TO APPLY:
The personnel Dept
Flexicon (Europe) Ltd
Email personnel@flexicon.co.uk

ESTATE AGENCY, PROPERTY

JOB TITLE:
Trainee and Experienced Mortgage Consultants
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Freeman Foreman
TO APPLY:
Freeman Foreman
Email
ben.siggins@freemanforman.co.uk

HEALTH & SAFETY, SECURITY, DEFENSE

JOB TITLE:
Health, Safety and Environmental Technician
LOCATION:
Ramsgate
SALARY:
£12,000 to 15,000 p.a. depending on experience
COMPANY:
AEM Ltd
TO APPLY:
AEM Ltd
Email jbarnard@aem.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
15th February 2008.

JOB TITLE:
Night Security Manager
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
£22,332 to £24,403 per annum
COMPANY:
Canterbury Christ Church University
TO APPLY:
Canterbury Christ Church University
Tel: 01227 782475
Email hr@canterbury.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
8 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Police Officers
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
£21,009 plus £2,000 South East Allowance
COMPANY:
Kent Police
TO APPLY:
Kent Police
Tel: 01622 650400
Email policeapplication
@kent.pnn.police.uk
CLOSING DATE
25th February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Security Guards Required
LOCATION:
Sittingbourne
SALARY:
£7.00 p/h Shifts including nights & days.
COMPANY:
Advanced Cleaning & Security Services
TO APPLY:
Advanced Cleaning & Security Services
Tel: 01708 330 913
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

INDUSTRIAL, WAREHOUSE, FACTORY

JOB TITLE:
Stock Control Assistant
LOCATION:
Sevenoaks
SALARY:
£23000 per annum
COMPANY:
3663 SRDC
TO APPLY:
Simon McCombe
3663 SRDC
Tel: 01732 468141
Email simonmccombe@3663.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Stock Control Clerk
LOCATION:
Sevenoaks
SALARY:
£18000 per annum
COMPANY:
3663 SRDC
TO APPLY:
Simon McCombe
3663 SRDC
Tel: 01732 468141
Email simonmccombe@3663.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Warehouse and Machine Preperation
LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Systems Technology Ltd
TO APPLY:
Systems Technology Ltd
Tel: 01634 291124
Email
regan@systemstechnology.co.uk

INFORMATION TECH, INTERNET, TELECOMS

JOB TITLE:
Data Manager
LOCATION:
Maidstone
SALARY:
£21,000 to £23,000 pa
COMPANY:
Kent and Medway Biological Records Centre
TO APPLY:
Kent and Medway Biological Records Centre
Tel:
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

INSURANCE, BANKING, FINANCE

JOB TITLE:
.NET Developer
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
£32,796 to £40,335 per annum
COMPANY:
Canterbury Christ Church University
TO APPLY:
Canterbury Christ Church University
Tel: 01227 782475
Email hr@canterbury.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
7 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Finance Clerk
LOCATION:
Folkestone
SALARY:
(£16,221-£17,842) – full time, 37 hours per week.
COMPANY:
Folkestone School For Girls
TO APPLY:
Folkestone School For Girls
Tel: 01303 251125
Email
npetrie@folkestonegirls.kent.sch.uk
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15th February 2008

LEGAL

JOB TITLE:
Selecting New Magistrates
LOCATION:
Maidstone
SALARY:
tba
COMPANY:
HM Courts Service
TO APPLY:
HM Courts Service
Tel: 01634-869187
Email julie.weller@kent.gov.uk

LEISURE, TOURISM, TRAVEL

JOB TITLE:
Hotel Engineer
LOCATION:
Hythe
SALARY:
Negotiable
COMPANY:
GSE Group
TO APPLY:
GSE Group
Email .

MANAGEMENT, SENIOR POSITIONS

JOB TITLE:
Children and Families Service Manager
LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
Grade PO2. Salary £30,598 – £39,258 per annum
COMPANY:
Medway Council
TO APPLY:
Medway Council
Tel: 01634 710154
Email office@bligh-inf.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
15 February, 2008.

JOB TITLE:
Data Manager (Statistical Returns)
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
£27,466 to £29,139 per annum
COMPANY:
Canterbury Christ Church University
TO APPLY:
Canterbury Christ Church University
Tel: 01227 782475 (answerphone)
Email hr@canterbury.ac.uk
Closing Date
8 FEBRUARY 2008

JOB TITLE:
Parking Enforcement Manager
LOCATION:
Medway
SALARY:
Grade B1. Salary £22,122 – £28,919 37 hours per week.
COMPANY:
Medway Council
TO APPLY:
Rubena Hafizi
Medway Council
Tel: 01634 331725
Email jobs@medway.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
15 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Performance Review Officer
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
salary starting from £23,536 per annum
COMPANY:
Canterbury College
TO APPLY:
Canterbury College
Tel: 01227 811282
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JOB TITLE:
Project Manager
LOCATION:
Sevenoaks
SALARY:
£23-25,000 + 6% pension
COMPANY:
Sevenoaks Volunteer Centre
TO APPLY:
Sevenoaks Volunteer Centre
Tel: 01622 677337
Email kentcove@
sevenoaksvolunteers.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
8th February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Tenancy Services Manager
LOCATION:
Gravesend
SALARY:
Package up to Circa £45,000
COMPANY:
Gravesham Borough Council
TO APPLY:
Gravesham Borough Council
Tel: 01474 33 70 00
Email services@gravesham.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
11 February 2008

MARKETING, ADVERTISING

JOB TITLE:
Marketing and Communications Assistant
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
Starting from £14,464 per annum
COMPANY:
Canterbury College
TO APPLY:
Canterbury College
Tel: 01227 811282
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
Monday 18 February 08 at 12 noon

JOB TITLE:
Marketing Executive - Holidays
LOCATION:
Folkestone
SALARY:
Competitive salary + excellent benefits package
COMPANY:
Saga
TO APPLY:
Saga
Email human.resources@saga.co.uk
Closing Date
8 February 2008

MOTOR TRADE, DRIVER

JOB TITLE:
Driver/Maintenance Person
LOCATION:
Meopham
SALARY:
£7890 pa + £311 pa Area Allowance
COMPANY:
National Autistic Society
TO APPLY:
National Autistic Society
Tel: 01474 814878
Email helenallison@nas.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
18.2.08

JOB TITLE:
Minibus Driver
LOCATION:
Gravesend
SALARY:
tba
COMPANY:
Age Concern
TO APPLY:
Age Concern
Tel: 01474 564898 or 01474 567131
Email support
@gravesendageconcern.co.uk

NURSING, MEDICINE, CARE WORK

JOB TITLE:
Care Assistants
LOCATION:
Isle of Sheppey
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Little Oyster Residential Home
TO APPLY:
Little Oyster Residential Home
Email chriskite@blueyonder.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Care Assistants
LOCATION:
Faversham
SALARY:
£6 ph
COMPANY:
Cooksditch House Nursing & Residential Homes
TO APPLY:
Cooksditch House Nursing & Residential Homes
Tel: 01795 530156
Email cilsley@onetel.com

JOB TITLE:
Care Assistants Registered Nurse and Chef
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
tba
COMPANY:
High View Oast Nursing Home
TO APPLY:
Sheelagh Sandford
High View Oast Nursing Home
Tel: 01304 813333
Email highviewoast@new-meronden.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Dispensing Technician
LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
£15 - £17.5k pro rata
COMPANY:
Riverside Medical Practice
TO APPLY:
S Challinger
Riverside Medical Practice
Tel: 01634 243722
Email sue.challinger@nhs.net

JOB TITLE:
Full/Part Time Support Workers
LOCATION:
Maidstone
SALARY:
tba
COMPANY:
Kent Care at Home
TO APPLY:
Kent Care at Home
Tel: 01622 670065
Email applications@kosmedia.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Health Care Assistant
LOCATION:
Romney Marsh
SALARY:
Salary according to experience
COMPANY:
Church Lane Surgery
TO APPLY:
Mrs A Allaway
Church Lane Surgery
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Lead Nurse - Full time
LOCATION:
Faversham
SALARY:
excellent salary
COMPANY:
Cooksditch House Nursing &
TO APPLY:
Cooksditch House Nursing & Residential Homes
Email cilsley@onetel.com

OTHER

JOB TITLE:
Market Research
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Facts International Limited
TO APPLY:
Ieda
Facts International Limited
Tel: 01233 648501
Email ieda@facts.uk.com

PUBLIC RELATIONS, MEDIA, JOURNALISM

JOB TITLE:
Media and Public Relations Officer
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
Starting from £20,674 per annum
COMPANY:
Canterbury College
TO APPLY:
Canterbury College
Tel: 01227 811282
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
Monday 18 February 08 at 12 noon

JOB TITLE:
News Editor
LOCATION:
Maidstone
SALARY:
£26,000 with extra opportunities
COMPANY:
Downs Mail
TO APPLY:
Downs Mail
Email dfowle2011@aol.com

PUBLIC SECTOR, SOCIAL SERVICES

JOB TITLE:
Bereavement Counselling Training Programme
LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Medway PCT (Wisdom Hospice)
TO APPLY:
Lesley Trott (between 9.00am and 1.30pm)
Medway PCT (Wisdom Hospice)
Tel: 01634 830456
Email
lesley.trott@medwaypct.nhs.uk

JOB TITLE:
Caretaker Services Co-ordinator
LOCATION:
Gravesend
SALARY:
Package up to Circa £27,000
COMPANY:
Gravesham Borough Council
TO APPLY:
Gravesham Borough Council
Tel: 01474 33 70 00
Email customer.services
@gravesham.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
11 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Client Liaison Officer
LOCATION:
Medway
SALARY:
Grade D2. Salary £14,492 - £18,430 pro-rata
COMPANY:
Medway Council
TO APPLY:
Medway Council
Tel: 01634 333333
Email jobs@medway.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
15th February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Drug Intervention Programme Worker
LOCATION:
Dover
SALARY:
Salary £18,430 - £26,067 (SCP 21 - 32) - 37 hours per week
COMPANY:
KCA (UK)
TO APPLY:
KCA (UK)
Tel: 01795 590635
Email marina@kca.org.uk, website kca.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
20th February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Family Support Worker
LOCATION:
Sevenoaks
SALARY:
£17,500 p.a pro rata.
COMPANY:
Spring House Family Service
TO APPLY:
Spring House Family Service
Tel: 01732 465539
Email admin@springhouse.org.uk

JOB TITLE:
Neighbourhood Development Worker
LOCATION:
Gravesend
SALARY:
Circa £17,000 – £21,000
COMPANY:
Gravesham Borough Council
TO APPLY:
Gravesham Borough Council
Tel: 01474 33 70 00
Email customer.services
@gravesham.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
11 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Rent Arrears Officer
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
Circa £17,000 – £21,000
COMPANY:
Gravesham Borough Council
TO APPLY:
Gravesham Borough Council
Tel: 01474 33 70 00
Email customer.services
@gravesham.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
11 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Social Worker
LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
£25,000 pa depending on experience
COMPANY:
Whole Caboodle LLP
TO APPLY:
Kairen Stammers
Whole Caboodle LLP
Tel:
Email recruiting@gslglobal.com
CLOSING DATE
17th February 2008

RETAIL, WHOLESALE, SALES

JOB TITLE:
Closers
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
A £6,000 Deal Gives Over £1,100 Income!!!
COMPANY:
Protectacoat
TO APPLY:
Protectacoat
Tel: 0800 526486
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Direct Marketing Sales Executive
LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
Basic Salary - £18,000 OTE - £23,500-25,500
COMPANY:
Education Direct
TO APPLY:
David Simons
Education Direct
Email davidsimons@education.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Field Sales Executive (South)
LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Systems Technology Ltd
TO APPLY:
Systems Technology Ltd
Tel: 01634 291124
Email
amanda@systemstechnology.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Home Business Opportunity
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
from £1000-4000 P/T
COMPANY:
Home Business Opportunity
TO APPLY:
Home Business Opportunity
Email
untoldriches@blueyonder.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Internal Sales Executive
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
£25k package
COMPANY:
Acorn Storage Equipment Ltd
TO APPLY:
Neil Wood
Acorn Storage Equipment Ltd
Tel: 01795 439439
Email neil@acorn-storage.co.uk

TRANSPORT, LOGISTICS, AVIATION

JOB TITLE:
Hydraulic Fitter / Tester
LOCATION:
Ramsgate
SALARY:
around £17,900-19,700 p.a. depending on experience
COMPANY:
AEM Ltd

TO APPLY:
AEM Ltd
Email jbarnard@aem.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
15th February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Quality/Logistics Engineer
LOCATION:
Herne Bay
SALARY:
tba
COMPANY:
Flexicon (Europe) Ltd
TO APPLY:
The personnel Dept
Flexicon (Europe) Ltd
Email personnel@flexicon.co.uk

Highways - Borough of Ashford

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS IN ASHFORD)
(ROAD CLOSURE)TEMPORARY ORDER 2008

NOTICE is hereby given that to allow highway maintenance works to take place the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on the routes described in column 1 of the Schedule hereto on or after 11th February 2008 for an estimated period of three week's or for a period not exceeding 18 months.

The alternative for each route described in column 1 of the Schedule hereto is described in column 2 of that Schedule.

THE SCHEDULE

The affected routes	The alternative routes
Allen Field, Ashford from its junction with Brookfield Road to a point 5 metres north east to its junction with Brookfield Road.	Noakes Meadow and Arlington
Arlington, Ashford (adjacent to Crusader Pub) from its junction with Brookfield Road to a point 5 metres north east to its junction with Brookfield Road.	Arlington
Cross Stile, Ashford from its junction with Brookfield Roadto a point 5 metres south west to its junction with Brookfield Road.	Beaver Lane
Flaxpond, Ashford from its junction with Brookfield Road to a point 5 metres south west to its junction withBrookfield Road.	Flaxpond, Maypits and Beaver Lane.

Advance road works information boards will be placed prior to works commencing on site, giving details as to when works are scheduled to commence and expected duration. Closure expected to be in place during the hours of 7am to 7pm.

Order will only be effective when the appropriate signs are displayed.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(CANTERBURY ROAD (A252), CHALLOCK, MOLASH AND CHILHAM)
(40 MPH SPEED LIMIT) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public using a road, the Kent County Council intends to make an order prohibiting traffic travelling at any speed in excess of 40 mph on routes described in Schedule 1 and temporary suspension of 50 mph speed limit described in Schedule 2.

The order will become effective on or after 11th February 2008 for a period not exceeding 18 months.

Schedule 1

Canterbury Road A252 from a point 300 metres north-eastwards of it's junction with the A251 Faversham Road and Buck Street to a point 150 metres north-eastwards of its junction with Shottenden Lane.

Canterbury Road A252 from a point 20 metres north-eastwards from the entrance to Young Manor Farm to a point 165 metres south west of its junction with Soles Hill Road.

Schedule 2

And "THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, BOROUGH OF ASHFORD) (SPEED LIMITS) CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2007, ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

"SIXTH SCHEDULE"

" the roads known as Canterbury Road (A252) (from a point 292 metres south west of its junction with the footpath opposite Pound Lane to a point 200 metres north east of its junction with Church Road" will be temporarily suspended for the duration of the above order.

Highways - District of Canterbury

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(A28 ASHFORD ROAD, CHARTHAM)
(SPEED LIMITS) ORDER 2008

NOTICE is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL proposes to make the above named Orders under Section 84(1), (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (hereinafter called "the Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act,

The effects of the Order will introduce a 40 mph speed limit on A28 Ashford Road on the following length of road which is currently the National Speed Limit:

A28 Ashford Road, Chartham

From a point 500 metres west of the junction with Howfield Lane to a point 67 metres west of the centre line of the western leg of Station Road.

The effects of the Order will introduce a 50 mph speed limit on A28 Ashford Road on the following length of road which is currently the National Speed Limit:

A28 Ashford Road, Chartham

From a point 67 metres west of the centre line of the western leg of Station Road to a point 150 metres north east of Shalmesford Street.

Full details are contained in the draft Order which together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of the council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be examined on Monday to Friday at 2 Beer Cart Lane, Canterbury, between 9.00am and 5.00pm.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to the Kent Highway Services, 2 Beer Cart Lane, Canterbury CT1 2NN, or by FAX to the Transportation Manager on 01227 464765 or by email to kent.highwayservices@kent.gov.uk by 9am on Monday 25 February 2008.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, CANTERBURY)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because rail maintenance works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Various Roads, Canterbury as described in column 1 of the Schedule to this Order on or after 21 February 2008 for an estimated period of two weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via as described in column 3 of the schedule to this Order.

Specified Road	length of road affected	alternative routes	Programmed date
Broad Oak Road and Shall Oak Road, Canterbury	Closure of Broad Oak Road and Shall Oak Road (level crossing) for a distance of approximately 20 metres on either side of the level crossing. Suspension of 7.5-ton weight limit in Sweechgate and Shall Oak Road to allow access to Bretts tip.	Via Broad Oak Road, Vauxhall Road, Sturry Road, Mill Road, Sturry Hill, Herne Bay Road, (for through traffic) Sweechgate and Shall Oak Road. Pedestrian access will also be affected. None.	From 23.00 hrs on 22 February 2008 until 06.00 hrs on 25 February 2008. From 23.00 hrs on 29 February 2008 until 06.00 hrs on 3 March 2008. Then as required when appropriate signs and barriers are displayed on site.
Mill Lane, Sturry.	Closure of Mill Lane (level crossing) from its junction with High Street Sturry to its junction with Island Road Sturry.	Light vehicles and buses will be diverted via Sturry Hill, Herne Bay Road, Sweechgate, Shall Oak Road, Broad Oak Road, Vauxhall Road, Sturry Road and Mill Road. Vehicles over 7.5 Tons will be diverted via A291, A299, A290, London Road, Rheims Way and A28 Ring Road. Pedestrian access will also be affected.	From 23.15 hrs on 4 March 2008 until 06.00 hrs on 5 March. Then as required when appropriate signs and barriers are displayed on site.
The following are pedestrian footpath crossings only			
Folly Farm Pedestrian Foot Crossing (PROW CC17)	Closure of foot crossing on either side of the railway track.	None signed.	From 23.00 hrs on 22 February 2008 until 06.00 hrs on 25 February 2008. Then as required when appropriate signs and barriers are displayed on site.
Sand Pit Pedestrian Foot Crossing (PROW CB47)	Closure of foot crossing on either side of the railway track.	None signed.	From 23.00 hrs on 22 February 2008 until 06.00 hrs on 25 February 2008. From 23.00 on 25 February until 06.00 hrs on 26 February. Then as required when appropriate signs and barriers are displayed on site.
Milner Court Pedestrian Foot Crossing (PROW CB60 and CB61)	Closure of foot crossing on either side of the railway track.	None signed.	From 23.00 hrs on 29 February 2008 until 06.00 hrs on 3 March 2008. From 23.00 on 3 March 2008 until 06.00 hrs on 4 March 2008. From 23.00 on 4 March 2008 until 06.00 hrs on 5 March 2008. Then as required when appropriate signs and barriers are displayed on site.

This Order will come into force on Thursday 21 February 2008, will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected, and will remain valid for a maximum period of eighteen months. The order will allow the above-mentioned restrictions to be implemented as and when required for works of a similar nature at any time for the duration of the order.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(MERCERY LANE, CANTERBURY)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because gas mains replacement works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Mercery Lane, Canterbury from the junction with The Parade to the junction with Burgate on 4 February 2008 for an estimated period of four weeks or until such works are complete.

Access will be maintained for deliveries only.

Highways - District of Dover

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, DISTRICT OF DOVER)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) (No. 1) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on the routes described in Column 1 of the Schedule hereto. The alternative route for each route described in Column 1 of the Schedule is described in Column 2 and at dates and times as indicated in Column 3 of that Schedule on or after 18 February 2008 for an estimated period of one week or until such thin surfacing works are complete, at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by traffic signs. The alternative route for each route described in Column 1 of the Schedule hereto is described in Column 2 of that Schedule.

The Schedule

Column 1 The affected route	Column 2 The alternative route	Column 3 Dates & times of road closure
Monks Way, Dover From its junction with Weavers Way for its entire length	Cul-de-Sac No diversion route required Access Only	18 February 2008 From 0800hrs to 1700hrs
Anselm Road, Dover From its junction with Noah's Ark Road for its entire length	Cul-de-Sac No diversion route required Access Only	19 February 2008 From 0800hrs to 1800hrs
Mayfield Avenue, Dover From its junction with Nightingale Road to its junction with Maresfield Close	No diversion	To be confirmed
Minerva Avenue, Dover At its junction with Mayfield Avenue	No diversion	To be confirmed

Highways - Borough of Gravesham

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
A289 WAINSCOTT BYPASS, HIGHAM
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on A289 Wainscott Bypass between A226 Gravesend Road and the A2/M2 interchange except for access to M2 coast bound.

The Order will become effective on 4th February 2008, with works taking place for three weekends 9th and 10th, 16th and 17th, and 23rd and 24th February2008, or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via:

From M2 junction 1: A289 to A226 Gravesend Road through Higham, Shorne, Chalk into Gravesend Town Centre, then A227 Wrotham Road to rejoin A2 at old Tollgate Hotel junction.

From A289 Wainscott Bypass: A226 Gravesend Road through Higham, Shorne, Chalk into Gravesend Town Centre, then A227 Wrotham Road to rejoin A2 at old Tollgate Hotel junction.

The purpose of the closure is to assist the Highway Agency when the A2 is closed for the removal of a bridge in the Thong Lane area.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
PRINCES STREET, GRAVESEND
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Princes Street, Gravesend.

The Order will become effective on 18th February 2008, for a period of 5 days, or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: West Street, Crooked Lane, The Terrace, Harmer Street, Milton Road, Parrock Street, Lord Street, Windmill Street, Stone Street.

The purpose of the closures is to facilitate the construction of a re-profiled ramp from ashphalt surfacing to shared block paving surface.

For further information, please contact Geoff Harrison-Mee, Director for Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

Kent Highway Services

Highways - Borough of Maidstone

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(LACEY LANE, LANGLEY)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Lacey Lane, Langley between the junctions of Honey Lane and Holly Farm Road on or after Monday 18th February 2008 for a period of up to 1 week or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is for eastbound traffic via New Road, A274 Sutton Road, Horseshoes Lane, Back Street, Avery Lane and for westbound traffic vice versa.

British Telecom Openreach apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary for cabling works in the area. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Kenton Stewart of McNicholas Construction on 01795 437805.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(BURBERRY LANE, LEEDS)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Burberry Lane, Leeds, outside Battel Hall Cottage between the times of 0930hrs and 1530hrs on or after Monday 18th February 2008 when required for a period of up to 3 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is for northbound traffic via George Lane, Lower Street and for southbound traffic vice versa.

BT Openreach apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary to restore service in the area. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Tracy Zeal of A Plant Lux Traffic Control on 01666 822000.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(WAGON LANE, YALDING & BELTRING LEVEL CROSSING, YALDING)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic at the railway level crossings on both Beltring Level Crossing, Yalding and Wagon Lane, Yalding. The Beltring Level Crossing closure will be in operation between 23.30hrs Saturday 9 February 2008 and 07:00hrs Sunday 10 February 2008. The Wagon Lane closure will be in operation between 06:00hrs Sunday 24 February 2008 and 05:00hrs Monday 25 February 2008 or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for eastbound traffic on Wagon Lane is via Maidstone Road, Lucks Lane, Queen Street with westbound being vice versa. The alternative route for westbound traffic on Beltring Level Crossing is via Gravelly Ways, Lees Road, Hampstead Lane, Maidstone Road B2015, A228, Branbridges Road, Beltring Road with eastbound being vice versa.

Network Rail apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary for track maintenance purposes, should you require any further information regarding these works, the contact is Roger Casement of Roger Casement Traffic Management Services on 01227 366000.

Highways - District of Sevenoaks

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
EMMETTS LANE, IDE HILL
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Emmetts Lane, Ide Hill for its entire length.

The Order will become effective on 4th February 2008, for a period of 5 days, or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: New Road, A25 High Street, Chart Lane

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate essential vegetation works by the National Trust.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
VALLEY ROAD, FAWKHAM
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Valley Road, Fawkham from its junction with Manor Lane for a distance of approximately 500 metres.

The Order will become effective on 18th February 2008, for a period of 7 days, or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Fawkham Road, B260 Main Road, Hartley Road, Ash Road, Chapel Wood Road, Ash Road, The Street, South Ash Road, A20 London Road.

The purpose of the closures is to facilitate the construction of a carriageway Box and duct laying works on behalf of BT.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
PILGRIMS WAY EAST, KEMSING
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Pilgrims Way East, Kemsing between its junctions with Old Terry's Lodge Road and St Clere Hill.

The Order will become effective on 18th February 2008, for a period of 7 days, or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Pilgrims Way East, Cotmans Ash Lane, Tinkerpot Lane, School Lane, A20 London Road, Terry's Lodge Road.

The purpose of the closures is to facilitate the repair of a water leak and the installation of a cross connection.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
SEVENOAKS RESURFACING 2008
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on various roads as noted in Schedule 1.

The Order will become effective on 18th February 2008, for periods as noted in Schedule 1, or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative routes for the routes described will be as described in schedule 1.

The purpose of the closures is to facilitate Surface Dressing works to be carried out by Kent Highway Services. Access will be maintained as much as possible at all times for residents.

Schedule 1

Road Name	Location	Alternative Route	Duration of Works	Comments
How Green between Lane, Hever	Whole Length	Uckfield Lane, Clinton Lane	15 days	Works 7am and 7pm
Castle Road/ Redlands, Eynsford/	A225 Station Road to Firmingers	A225 Station Road, A225 Shoreham Road, Station Road, Shoreham Road Church Street, High Street, Shacklands Road, Shoreham Lane, Hollybush Lane, Jubilee Road, Rock Hill	20 days	These works will be carried out in sections to allow access.
Cadlocks Hill Halstead	Whole Length	London Road, Watercroft Road	10 days	Works between 7am and 7pm
Yorks Hill, Sundridge	Gracious Lane to Ide Hill	Cold Arbor Road, Wheatsheaf Hill, Ide Hill Road	20 days	Works between 7am and 7pm

Highways - District of Shepway

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, THE DISTRICT OF SHEPWAY)
(20 MPH, 40 MPH AND 50 MPH SPEED LIMITS
RESTRICTED AND DE-RESTRICTED ROADS)
(CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2000) (AMENDMENT No. 9) 2008

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL propose to make the above named Order under sections 1(1) and (2), 2(1) and (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The Order will have the effect of introducing 50mph speed limit on the following lengths of roads:-

In The Parishes of Sellinge and Lympne

A20 Ashford Road	From a point approximately 344 metres north west of the junction with Otterpool Lane to a point approximately 265 metres east of that junction.
B2067 Otterpool Lane	From the junction with A20 Ashford Road for a distance of approximately 180 metres in a southerly direction.

Full details are contained in the draft Order which together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of the council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be examined on Mondays to Fridays in the offices of Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, between 9.00am and 5.00pm.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to the Kent Highway Services, 2 Beer Cart Lane, Canterbury CT1 2NN, or by FAX to the Transportation Manager on 01227 464765 or by email to kent.highwayservices@kent.gov.uk by noon on Monday 25 February 2008.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, DISTRICT OF SHEPWAY)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) (No. 1) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on the routes described in Column 1 of the Schedule hereto. The alternative route for each route described in Column 1 of the Schedule is described in Column 2 and at dates and times as indicated in Column 3 of that Schedule on or after 18 February 2008 for an estimated period of three weeks or until such thin surfacing works are complete, at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by traffic signs. The alternative route for each route described in Column 1 of the Schedule hereto is described in Column 2 of that Schedule.

Schedule

Column 1 The affected route	Column 2 The alternative route	Column 3 Dates & times of road closure
A20 Ashford Road, Newingreen From its north-east junction with Stone Street, Westenhanger to its junction west of Stone Street, Lympne	Large Vehicles (Sellindge Approach) Interchange, Cheriton High Street, Cheriton Road, A259 Cheriton Road, A259 Castle Hill Avenue, A259 Shornecliffe Road, A259 Earls Avenue, A259 Sandgate Road, A259 Sandgate Hill, A259 Sandgate High Street, A259 Sandgate Esplanade, A259 Seabrook Road, A259 East Street, A259 Prospect Road, A259 Rampart Road, A259 Red Lion Square, A259 Dymchurch Road, A259 Hythe Road, A259 High Street (Dymchurch), A259 St Marys Road, A259 High Street (New Romney), A259 Lydd Road, A259 Rhee Wall, A2070, A2070 Bad Munstereifel Road, M20-J10 Interchange, Hythe Road, Ashford Large Vehicles (Hythe Approach) A259 Scanlons Bridge Road, A259 Military Road, A259 Red Lion Square, A259 Rampart Road, A259 Prospect Road, A259 East Street, A259 Seabrook Road, A259 Sandgate Esplanade, A259 Sandgate High Street, A259 Sandgate Hill, A259 Sandgate Road, A259 Earls Avenue, A259 Shornecliffe Road, A259 Castle Hill Avenue, A259 Cheriton Road, Cheriton Road, Cheriton High Street, M20-J12 Interchange, Ashford Road, Stone Street, Ashford Road	26 February to 3 March 2008 5 No. Overnight From 1900hrs to 0200hrs (Not including weekend)
	Light Vehicles Ashford Road, Stone Street, Blindhouse Lane, Swan Lane, Ashford Road	
Hythe Road, Lympne From its junction with London Road to "Ashford Lodge"	Sellindge Approach Ashford Road, Stone Street, M20-J11 Interchange, Stone Street, Ashford Road, M20-J12 Interchange, Cheriton High Street, Cheriton Road, A259 Cheriton Road, A259 Castle Hill Avenue, A259 Shornecliffe Road, A259 Earls Avenue, A259 Sandgate Road, A259 Sandgate Hill, A259 Sandgate High Street, A259 Sandgate Esplanade, A259 Seabrook Road, A259 East Street, A259 Prospect Road, A259 Rampart Road, A259 Red Lion Square, A259 Dymchurch Road, A259 Scanlons Bridge Road, London Road Hythe Approach London Road, A259 Scanlons Bridge Road, A259 Military Road, A259 Red Lion Square, A259 Rampart Road, A259 Prospect Road, A259 East Street, A259 Seabrook Road, A259 Sandgate Esplanade, A259 Sandgate High Street, A259 Sandgate Hill, A259 Sandgate Road, A259 Earls Avenue, A259 Shornecliffe Road, A259 Castle Hill Avenue, A259 Cheriton Road, Cheriton Road, Cheriton High Street, M20-J12 Interchange, Ashford Road, Stone Street, Ashford Road	19-25 February 2008 5 No Overnight From 1900hrs to 0200hrs (Not including weekend)
Foord Road North, Folkestone From its junction with New Street to its junction with Radnor Park Road	Central Station Approach A259 Radnor Park Road, A259 Pavilion Road, A259 Blackbull Road, A259 Canterbury Road, Hill Road, Dover Road, Southern Way, The Tram Road, Tontine Street, Dover Road, Grace Hill Town Centre Approach New Street, Bradstone Road, Dover Road, Hill Road, A259 Canterbury Road, A259 Blackbull Road	18-20 February 2008 3 No. Nightime From 1900hrs to 2359hrs

For further information, please contact Geoff Harrison-Mee, Director for Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

Kent Highway Services

Highways - Borough of Swale

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(MARSH ROAD, TEYNHAM STREET)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Marsh Road, Teynham Street on or after Monday 18 February 2008 for a period of up to 10 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is for eastbound traffic via Conyer Road and westbound traffic vice versa.

BT Openreach apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary to build boxes and lay duct in carriageway and verge. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Kenton Stewart of McNicholas Construction on 01795 437805.

Highways - District of Thanet

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, DISTRICT OF THANET)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) (No. 1) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on the routes described in Column 1 of the Schedule hereto. The alternative route for each route described in Column 1 of the Schedule is described in Column 2 and at dates and times as indicated in Column 3 of that Schedule on or after 18 February 2008 for an estimated period of seven weeks or until such thin surfacing works are complete, at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by traffic signs. The alternative route for each route described in Column 1 of the Schedule hereto is described in Column 2 of that Schedule.

The Schedule

Column 1 The affected route	Column 2 The alternative route	Column 3 Dates & times of road closure
Grange Road, Ramsgate From its junction with South Eastern Road to its junction with Park Road	Northerly direction South Eastern Road, High Street and Park Road Southerly direction High Street St Lawrence, Nethercourt Hill and London Road	1-22 February 5 No. days From 0930 hrs to 1530 hrs
St Peter's Park Road, Broadstairs From its junction with The Broadway to its junction with Bairds Hill	Bairds Hill, Lindenthorpe Road, Carlton Avenue and High Street Church Street, Vicarage Street and Broadstairs Road	4-11 March 2008 6 No. Overnight from 1900hrs to 0600hrs
Park Road, Ramsgate From its junction with High Street to its junction with Wilfred Road	Westerly direction South Eastern Road, Ellington Road and Grange Road Easterly direction Wilfred Road, Station Approach Road, Shah Place and Park Road	12 & 13 March 2008. 2 No. Overnight from 1900hrs to 0600hrs
Shah Place, Ramsgate From its junction with Margate Road to its junction with Park Road	Margate Road and Park Road	12 March 2008. 1 No. Overnight from 1900hrs to 0600hrs
Tivoli Brooks, Margate From its junction with Tivoli Road for its entire length	No Through Road – No diversion route required	17 – 19 March 2008. 3 No. Overnight from 1900hrs to 0600hrs
High Street, Ramsgate From its junction with South Eastern Road to its junction with Hardres Street	Northerly direction Leopold Street, Madeira Walk, Wellington Crescent, Victoria Road and Boundary Road Southerly direction Park Road, High Street St Lawrence, Nethercourt Hill, London Road, St Augustine's Road, Paragon, Royal Pararde, Madeira Walk, Wellington Crescent and Victoria Road	24 – 27 March 2008 and again on 31 March 2008. 5 No. Overnight from 1900hrs to 0600hrs

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(ALLAND GRANGE LANE MINSTER)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Alland Grange Lane Minster from the junction with B2190 to the junction with Manston Road on or after 18 February 2008 for an estimated period of three days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via B2190, Manston Road, Alland Grange Lane.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
DANE ROAD, MARGATE)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because BT ducting and desilting works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Dane Road, Margate from the junction with Bath Road to the junction with Dane Hill on or after 18 February 2008 for an estimated period of five days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via King Street, Trinity Hill, Northdown Road, Wilderness Hill and Dane Road.

Highways - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling & Maidstone

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
A26 TONBRIDGE ROAD, WATERINGBURY & VARIOUS ROADS, WATERINGBURY, TESTON & NETTLESTEAD
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION & RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on A26 Tonbridge Road, Wateringbury between its junctions with Bow Road and Love Lane, Wateringbury and Red Hill, Wateringbury from its junction with A26 Tonbridge Road for a distance of 30m.

This Order will restrict Pizien Well Road, and Old Road, Wateringbury from the junction with A26 Tonbridge Road Nettlestead Lane/Gibbs Hill, Nettlestead from its junction with B2015 Maidstone Road and Church Street, Teston from its Junction with A26 Tonbridge Road. The restriction on these roads will be for access only.

This Order will also suspend all parking on Bow Road from its junction with A26 Tonbridge Road for a distance of 627 metres to its junction with Waterside Mews between the hours of 8am and 6pm Monday to Friday.

The Order will become effective on 4th February 2008, for a period of 8 weeks for all roads except for Red Hill which is planned to close on 25th February for three weeks, or, until completion of the planned works. These closures and restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative routes for the routes described above will be via:

For A26 Tonbridge Road - For Vehicles weighing less than 7.5 Tonnes: Bow Road, Maidstone Road, A228 Seven Mile Lane, and A228 Malling Road.

For Vehicles weighing more than 7.5 Tonnes: From Rocky Hill, Maidstone, A20 London Road, A228 Ashton Way, A228 King Hill, A228 Malling Road.

For Red Hill – Red Hill, Malling Road, Livesey Street, Malling Road (Teston), The Street (Teston) A26 Tonbridge Road (Teston), A26 Tonbridge Road (Wateringbury)

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate the installation of a new gas main. Access will be maintained as much as possible at all times for residents.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
A20 LONDON ROAD, WROTHAM
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic travelling at speeds in excess of 30mph on A20 London Road, Wrotham.

The Order will become effective on 4th February 2008, for a period of 2 weeks, or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The purpose of the speed limit restriction is to ensure a safe working environment for carriageway re-conditioning works by Kent Highway Services.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
REDWELL LANE, IGHTHAM
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Redwell Lane Ightham between its junctions with Ismays Road and Old Lane.

The Order will become effective on 4th February 2008, for a period of 1 week, or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Redwell Lane, Common Road, Sandy Lane, Ismays Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate the installation of a new electrical supply to Redwell Cottages.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
CORK STREET, ECCLES, AYLESFORD
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Cork Street, Eccles between its junctions with Varnes Street and Bull Lane.

The Order will become effective on 18th February 2008, with works commencing on 20th February 2008 for a period of 7 days, or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Bull Lane, Alma Road and Varnes Street.

The purpose of the closures is to facilitate the connection of all utility services to new properties.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
TONBRIDGE & MALLING RESURFACING 2008
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on various roads as noted in Schedule 1.

The Order will become effective on 18th February 2008, for periods as noted in Schedule 1, or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative routes for the routes described will be as described in schedule 1.

The purpose of the closures is to facilitate Surface Dressing works to be carried out by Kent Highway Services. Access will be maintained as much as possible at all times for residents.

Schedule 1

Road Name	Location	Alternative Route	Duration of Works	Comments
Mill Lane, Hildenborough	B245 to Underriver	B245 London Road, Riding Lane, Hildenborough Road, Underriver House Road	20 days	Works between 7am and 7pm each day
Common Road, Burham/ Wouldham	Hill Road to Chatham Road	There is no alternative route.	15 days	Works between 7am and 7pm
Winterfield Lane, East Malling	Whole Length	A20 London Road, Town Hill, High Street West Malling, Swan Street, Lucks Hill	10 days	Works between 7am and 7pm
Bank Lane, Hildenborough	B245 to Mill Lane	B245 London Road, Mill Lane	20 days	Works between 7am and 7pm
Redwell Lane, Ightham	Common Road to Ismays Road	Common Road and Ismays Road	20 days	Works between 7am and 7pm

Highways - Borough of Tunbridge Wells

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS IN TUNBRIDGE WELLS)
(ROAD CLOSURE)TEMPORARY ORDER 2007

NOTICE is hereby given that to allow highway maintenance works to take place the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on the routes described in column 1 of the Schedule hereto on or after 4th February 2008 for an estimated period of 12 week's or for a period not exceeding 18 months.

The alternative for each route described in column 1 of the Schedule hereto is described in column 2 of that Schedule.

THE SCHEDULE

The affected routes	The alternative routes
Woodbury Park Road, from its junction with (A26) St Johns Road to its junction with Chilston Road.	(A26) St Johns Road, Queens Road and Chilston Road.
Queens Road, from its junction with (A26) St Johns Road to its junction with Chilston Road.	(A26) St Johns Road, Woodbury Park Road and Chilston Road.
Culverden Park, from its junction with (A26) St Johns Road to its junction Culverden Park Road.	(A26) St Johns Road, Culverden Down and Culverden Park.
Sandrock Road, from its junction with Pembury Road to its junction with Cleveland Drive.	Pembury Road, Sandrock Road, Lansdowne Road, Calverley Road and Calverley Park Gardens.

Advance road works information boards will be placed prior to works commencing on site, giving details as to when works are scheduled to commence and expected duration.

Order will only be effective when the appropriate signs are displayed.

For further information, please contact Geoff Harrison-Mee, Director for Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

Kent Highway Services

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS IN THE BOROUGH OF TUNBRIDGE WELLS)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC AND WAITING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on the routes described in Column 1 of Schedule 1 hereto.

The alternative route for each route described in Column 1 of Schedule 1 hereto is described in Column 2 of that Schedule.

The Order will come into operation on Monday 10 March 2008 and will be valid for a maximum period of 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is sooner. The works are scheduled to commence on or after Monday 10 March 2008 and are programmed for completion within an estimated period of four weeks.

SCHEDULE 1

The affected routes (Column 1)	The alternative routes (Column 2)
A264 Church Road, Tunbridge Wells from A26 London Road to A264 Mount Ephraim. When required 24 hours per day Sunday to Saturday.	Westbound traffic via A26 London Road, Major York's Road and A264 Mount Ephraim. Eastbound traffic vice versa.
A26 London Road, Tunbridge Wells from A267 Frant Road to Montacute Road. When required 24 hours per day Sunday to Saturday.	Northbound traffic via A26 Eridge Road, Bunny Lane and A267 Frant Road. Southbound traffic vice versa.
C383 Major York's Road, Tunbridge Wells from A264 Langton Road to A26 London Road. When required 24 hours per day Sunday to Saturday.	Westbound traffic via A26 London Road, A264 Church Road and A264 Mount Ephraim/Bishops Down. Eastbound traffic vice versa.
U1094 Fir Tree Road, Tunbridge Wells – full length. When required 24 hours per day Sunday to Saturday.	No alternative route.
U1162 Kingswood Road, Tunbridge Wells from A264 Pembury Road to Bayhall Road. When required 24 hours per day Sunday to Saturday.	Northbound traffic via Bayhall Road and B2023 Prospect Road. Southbound traffic vice versa.

Advance road works information boards will be placed prior to works commencing on site, giving details as to when works are scheduled to commence and expected duration.

Order will only be effective when appropriate signs are displayed.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS IN THE BOROUGH OF TUNBRIDGE WELLS)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC AND WAITING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on the routes described in Column 1 of Schedule 1 hereto.

The alternative route for each route described in Column 1 of Schedule 1 hereto is described in Column 2 of that Schedule.

The Order will come into operation on Tuesday 1 April 2008 and will be valid for a maximum period of 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is sooner. The works are scheduled to commence on or after Tuesday 1 April 2008 and are programmed for completion within an estimated period of four weeks.

SCHEDULE 1

The affected routes (Column 1)	The alternative routes (Column 2)
U1034 Claremont Road, Tunbridge Wells from Grove Hill Road to Mount Sion. When required 24 hours per day Sunday to Saturday.	Northbound traffic via Mount Sion, B2023 High Street and B2023 Grove Hill Road. Southbound traffic vice versa.
C46 Barden Road, Bidborough from B2176 Pembury Road to Speldhurst Hill. When required 24 hours per day Sunday to Saturday.	Northbound traffic via Speldhurst Hill, Stockland Green Road, Franks Hollow Road, High Street and B2176 Pembury Road. Southbound traffic vice versa.

Advance road works information boards will be placed prior to works commencing on site, giving details as to when works are scheduled to commence and expected duration.

Order will only be effective when appropriate signs are displayed.

Kent Highway Services

LARGE PORTION GLOBAL LIMITED
Company No: 05376076
LARGE PORTION LIMITED
Company No: 04880131

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that meetings of the creditors of the above-named companies will be held at the offices of Carmichael & Co, 93 Sandgate High Street, Sandgate, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 3BY on Friday 15th February 2008 at 11.15 am and 11.45 am respectively or as soon thereafter as possible for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act.

The resolutions at the meeting of creditors may include a resolution specifying the terms on which the liquidator is to be remunerated. The meetings may receive information about, or be asked to approve, the costs of preparing the statement of affairs and convening the meetings.

Pursuant to Section 98(2) of the Act, a list of names and addresses of the companies creditors may be inspected free of charge at the offices of Carmichael & Co, 5th Floor, City Wharf, New Bailey Street, Manchester M3 5FR on the two business days falling next before the day of the meetings.

Dated: 24th January 2008
By Order of the Board
Louis Hurst, Director

To advertise in this section
01303 817040

PUBLIC NOTICE

Application for a new Premises Licence

I, Kevin George Pearton hereby give notice that I have made an application to the Gravesham Borough Council, Licensing Section, Regulatory Services, Civic Centre, Windmill Street,Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU for variation of the following licensable activities;

1. The hours for sale of alcohol by retail
2. The hours and conditions that relate to the provision of regulated entertainment
3. The provision of late night refreshment

In respect of the premises situated at 23, Queen Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 2EQ known by the sign of Barcode.

The application can be viewed at the offices of Gravesham Borough Council, Licensing Section, Regulatory Services, Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU (telephone number 01474 337334) during normal office hours or by visiting the website at http://www.gravesham.gov.uk/licensing.

Any person wishing to make representation concerning this application should do so in writing to the above local authority and within 28 consecutive days of the submission of the application, that is no later than 25th February 2008.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. Any person who makes a false statement is liable on summary conviction to a maximum fine of £5,000

Stephen Thomas LAW
8 Grassmere, Leybourne,
West Malling Kent.
ME19 5QP
Authorised Agents for and on behalf of the applicants.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: Franks Hall, Franks Lane, Horton Kirby
Applicant: Mrs Muriel Woods

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below between the hours of 9am and 5pm. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the grant of an approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

Martin Alford
Head of Registration, Regulatory Services
First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall,
Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX

LICENSING ACT 2003
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A TIME LIMITED PREMISES LICENCE

Notice is hereby given that The Hop Farm has applied to Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council for the grant of a Variation to the existing licence in respect of premises known as The Hop Farm Country Park, Beltring, Paddock Wood, Kent TN12 6PY. The application seeks the variation of the licence in respect of the following:

- Variation in footprint due to the extra land brought by The Hop Farm
- Variation in capacity from 29,999 to 49,999 persons

There are no other changes to be made to the existing licensing activities.

Details of the register of record of the application can be viewed at the Tonbridge and Malling Council Offices (Licensing Dept), Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling during normal office hours. Any representations from interested parties or responsible authorities must be made in writing to the Council by 21st February 2008.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction is a fine not exceeding £5000.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: Fordwich Town Hall, King Street, Fordwich, Canterbury
Applicant: Mr Roger Clayton

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below between the hours of 9am and 5pm. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the grant of an approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

Martin Alford
Head of Registration, Regulatory Services
First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall,
Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made by Mr Stephen Gregory - The Denne, Flood Street, Mersham, Ashford to Kent County Council, to grant an approval for a ceremony at this premise.

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below between the hours of 9am and 5pm. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the grant of an approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper.

Objections should be sent to the following address

Martin Alford, Head of Registration,
Regulatory Services First Floor, Invicta House,
County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL
HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES

Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 that an increase in hackney carriage fares is proposed to be introduced. Unless objected to, the new fares will have effect from Tuesday 19 February 2008. A table of the proposed fares is set out below:

TABLE OF MAXIMUM HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES
Fares for distance only

For a journey of up to 1.281 km	£2.80
For each subsequent 145.6 metres or part thereof	£0.20
Waiting time at hirer's request (per period of 24 seconds or part thereof)	£0.10
Surcharge for journeys beginning:	
• between 0000hrs and 0600 hrs on any day	50%
• at any time on any bank or public holiday except Christmas Day;	50%
• between 1800hrs and 2400 hrs on Christmas Eve; and	50%
• between 1800hrs and 2400 hrs on New Year's Eve	50%
Surcharge for journeys beginning at any time on Christmas Day or Easter Sunday	100%
Surcharge for journeys beginning between 0600 hours and midnight on a Saturday or Sunday (per fare)	50p
For the carriage of more than 4 passengers up to the maximum authorised capacity of the carriage	50%
Vehicle spoilage charge	£75.00

Any objections to the proposed fare table must be sent in writing stating the grounds of objection to the Chief Solicitor, Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4LZ, to arrive no later than 12 noon on Tuesday 19 February 2008. This notice supersedes all previous notices.

David Hughes, Chief Executive
1 February 2008

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: The Swallow Chaucer Hotel, 63 Ivy Lane, Canterbury
Applicant: Mr Robert Glashan

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below between the hours of 9am and 5pm. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

Martin Alford
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CONTRACTS FOR THE PROCESSING AND RECYCLING OF WOOD WASTE 2008-2010 (2011)

Kent County Council is an Excellent Rated authority and has very high expectations of itself and its contractors. The contracts which are the subject of this expression of interest will receive Wood Waste from a range of Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC) throughout Kent.

Wood recycling is a significant part of Kent County Council's strategy to drive up overall levels of recycling. These contracts therefore cohesively support recently awarded contracts for the management of HWRC sites and are expected to integrate and support each other.

It must be stressed that Kent County Council Waste Management is primarily interested in solutions which recycle the wood rather than recover energy from the wood waste.

The contracts will be split into two distinct types to cover the full extent of wood based resources which arise at our HWRC sites.

- The first contract/s cover wood which has **not been previously processed** - for example, wooden furniture, fence posts, floor boards, joists, fence panels, pallets, window frames (without glass), etc.
- The second contract/s cover wood which has been **previously processed** - for example chipboard, MDF, HDF, particle boards, laminated MDF, etc.

Kent's HWRC sites currently generate approximately 30,000 tonnes (with a further 5,000 tonnes from the Medway area) of wood waste per annum, with an approximate 50:50 split by type, although we expect this quantity to steadily increase. The contracts will be for facilities for processing/treatment (haulage to bulking point/facility will be provided via another previously awarded contract/s). We anticipate that wood waste which falls into the previously processed category will be capable of being composted but we would not exclude other options which are consistent with the primary need to recycle.

We are seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified and experienced contractors who are interested in working with Kent County Council to achieve these objectives. We will evaluate options for contract award on the basis of either one or other wood waste streams or both streams per contractor. Multiple contracts may be awarded consistent with operational needs. The contract period will be two years with an optional extension of one further year.

Tenders will be invited on a **Restricted** basis in accordance with OJEU procurement regulations.

Contractors wishing to be considered for inclusion on the select tender list will need to **apply in writing** for additional information and a pre-qualification questionnaire application form, which must be completed and returned no later than 5 March 2008.

A maximum of 7 companies for each element of the contract will then be invited to tender for the provision of the service during March/April 2008.

KCC Tender Reference: 07/46. OJEU reference: 2008-010651

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New A4 set to maintain Audi's grand designs

PROVIDING it can meet demand for the new car, the arrival of Audi's all-new A4 should maintain the brand's astonishing momentum in 2007.

Already one of the stronger players in the market, VW's upmarket arm managed an astonishing 18 per cent increase in sales – not bad considering its A4 mainstay model was on run out.

In comparison, arch-rival BMW recorded a 5.15 per cent rise, which would have been something to crow about normally had Audi not so graphically outperformed the executive sector.

Audi's rise from junior to equal partner to BMW and Mercedes-Benz at the top of the executive sector has been accelerated recently by top-notch 'halo models' such as the £78,000 R8 supercar and, second time around, a truly competitive TT Coupé and Roadster.

The A3 continues to be a practical and aspirational premium hatchback that looks better than the baggy-lined BMW 1-Series.

By **STEVE LOADER**

Then there is the technologically advanced A8 executive flagship, while the A4 now has a coupé spin-off at last – the A5, which we road tested in flagship S5 form in our previous issue (see online at www.carsforkent.co.uk).

Which leaves the A4 itself; the brand's big player and competitive to the end in its previous incarnation, despite competition last year from BMW's newer 3-Series and the arrival of an all-new and impressive Mercedes C-Class.

The BMW continues to be the biggest seller of the three – it is now established in the UK sales top 10 – but the A4 has lacked a coupé to swell its sales stats.

In any case, the sheer ubiquity of the BMW could yet be its downfall and is perhaps why Audi chose to use 'A5' rather than 'A4' when it eventually turned to producing its coupe version.

Driving purists continue to mark down the A4 for having front-wheel drive rather than the classic rear-wheel drive layout of the Beemer and Merc, though this is balanced by the fact that enthusiasts can trade up to all-wheel drive Quattro versions of the Audi.

It is also likely that Audi has the edge in other areas: the marque's interiors continue to be a benchmark, while reliability and build quality are superb.

The new car picks up where the old one left off and will have the longest wheelbase in the class which, combined with reduced overhangs, is claimed to deliver excellent weight distribution and exceptional interior space.

It also arrives with five new or extensively revised engines – two directly injected FSI petrol units and three TDI diesels.

Refinements include an electro-mechanical parking brake and intelligent key system as standard and SE models come with 17-inch alloys, three-zone climate control, a 180-watt CD audio system with 6.5-inch colour display, rear acoustic parking, automatic headlight and wiper operation and aluminium interior trim.

Prices for launch models range from £22,590-30,290.

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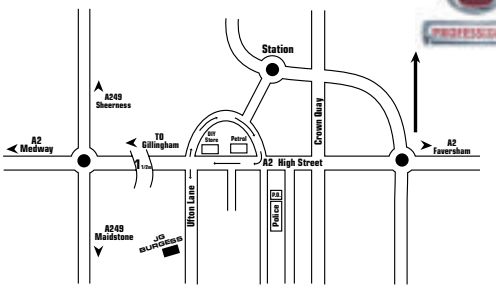


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TODAY TOMORROW TOYOTA

Model and specification shown AYGO Platinum 1.0 VVT-i 3 door manual manufacturer's list price £7,995. *Advertised finance offer available on AYGO Platinum when ordered, registered and financed through Toyota Financial Services, on a 3 year Hire Purchase Drive Plan with minimum customer deposit of 30% between 1st January and 31st March 2008 at participating Centres. Other finance offers are available but cannot be used in conjunction with this offer. Terms and conditions apply. Indemnities may be required. Finance subject to status to over 18s only. Toyota Financial Services, Great Burgh, Burgh Heath, Epsom, Surrey, KT18 5UZ. Prices correct at time of going to press and includes VAT, delivery charge, number plates, one year's road fund licence and £50 first registration fee. Subject to availability.
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06 06	Vauxhall Astra Design 1.8 Auto 5dr Silver	£9,495	£8,995	£500
05 05	Vauxhall Astra Design 1.9CDTi (120) 3dr Black	£9,995	£10,495	£500
07 07	Vauxhall Corsa Design 1.4 Auto 5dr Silver Lightning	£10,995	£10,495	£500
05 05	Vauxhall Corsa Combo 1.3 CCTi White	£4995+Vat	£4495+Vat	£500
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05 55	Vauxhall Meriva Active 1.6 5dr Black	£6,995	£6,495	£500
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04 04	Vauxhall Vectra Edition 100 2.0T Silver Lightning	£6,995	£6,495	£500
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06 06	Peugeot 307 HDi Se 5dr Estate Silver	£10,495	£9,995	£500

Fiat Selection

		WAS	NOW	SAVE
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07 07	Fiat Doblo Active Air-Con Td Met Silver	£12,810	£8,995	£3,815
06 56	Fiat Grande Punto Active White	£5,995	£5,495	£500
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06 56	Fiat Grande Punto Active Sport Met Silver	£7,495	£6,995	£500
07 07	Fiat Grande Punto Active Sport Met Silver	£7,995	£7,495	£500
07 57	Fiat Grande Punto Dynamic Sport Auto Met Blue	£11,960	£9,495	£2,465
07 07	Fiat Multipla Dynamic Plus Td Met Blue	£17,160	£11,995	£5,165
07 07	Fiat Multipla Eleganza Td Met Blue	£18,400	£13,495	£4,905
06 06	Fiat Panda 4x4 Met Blue	£7,495	£6,995	£500
07 07	Fiat Panda Dynamic Air-Con Met Black	£6,995	£5,995	£1,000
07 07	Fiat Panda Eleganza Met Blue	£7,995	£6,995	£1,000
05 55	Fiat Punto Active Met Bronze	£4,995	£4,495	£500
04 54	Fiat Punto Chill Ltd Met Silver	£4,995	£4,395	£600
03 53	Fiat Punto Dynamic Met Grey	£4,995	£3,995	£1,000
04 04	Fiat Punto Dynamic Diesel Met Blue	£4,795	£4,395	£400
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SAAB Selection

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07 07	Saab 93 Aero 2.0T Convertible Anniversary Ice Blue	£28,995	£25,995	£3,000
07 57	Saab 93 Aero Auto 2.0T Saloon Anniversary Titan Grey	£23,995	£21,995	£2,000
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FIRST GEAR

Compiled by Steve Loader



Citroën's luxury space cruiser

CITROËN is capitalizing on a luxury trend in the MPV sector.

Ford has already seen customers for its MPV family – the five-seat C-Max and seven-seat S-Max and Galaxy – specifying higher spec trim such as the flagship Titanium line.

Now the French marque, which created a successful MPV sub-brand with its Picasso models, has produced the £23,995 Lounge special edition of its C4 Picasso.

Instead of its normal five-seat configuration, the Lounge has four large individual armchair seats in black leather, laminated windows to reduce road noise, a vast panoramic sunroof and premium sound system.

It also stands out from the MPV crowd with chrome alloys, black bodywork and spoiler.

Power comes from a 138bhp 2.0 HDi turbodiesel with six-speed auto gearbox offering around 40 mpg on average.

Vauxhall/Suzuki small car set to make splash in city

VAUXHALL and Suzuki are about to shake up the city car market with a jointly produced model as thoroughly modern as Fiat's new 500 is stunningly retro.

Of the two new sisters, the Suzuki Splash (bottom right) is set to make the, err, bigger splash thanks to an all-new and youthful name and as the latest in a procession of new models that have revitalized the Japanese brand.

By comparison, the Vauxhall Agila (right) comes with the baggage of association with the outgoing mini-MPV of the same name – another Suzuki design, but badged by that brand as the Wagon-R.

The original and boxy Agila sold by the bucket and spadeful in Britain's Costa Geriatrica towns, but was shunned by the young at heart.

Nevertheless, Vauxhall's market clout and a sprinkling of stardust by association with the hugely successful new Vauxhall Corsa should open some youthful minds to new Agila ownership.

And others for that matter, since Kent motor dealers tell us more and more buyers are becoming sensitive to the savings to be had on cars qualifying for lower road tax.

With tax-busting CO2 figures of just 120g/km, both Agila/Splash's petrol and diesel entry models fall into the £35/year VED Band B.



The Agila/Splash design should also have the edge on most rivals: it is sharper than the rival Toyota Aygo/Peugeot 107/Citroën C1 joint city car model and the aggressively priced Kia Picanto/Hyundai i10 sisters and less quirky than Fiat's 500 and the five-door Panda that donated the newer Fiat's platform.

The newcomers go on sale in the spring with the Agila costing from £7,595 and the Splash expected to be on a par.



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Company car rides roughshod over a Government struggling to rein it in

by **STEVE LOADER**



Audi's A3 rocketed into fourth place in the company top 10, beating its VW Golf sister model by five places



The Vauxhall Astra is Britain's number one company car even if the Ford Focus is the country's best-selling car overall



A fallen star in the fleet market, the Ford Mondeo shone again in 2007 making a welcome appearance in fifth spot

REPORTS of the company car's death have been exaggerated.

The Labour Government came to power with the dismantling of Britain's company car culture squarely in its sights, but despite the best efforts of Gordon Brown when he was Chancellor, this greatest of perks still thrives.

Indeed, it helped power UK new car registrations to a 2.5 per cent increase in 2007, despite gloomy predictions at the start of the year as interest rates rose and consumer confidence fell.

Car sales to fleets and business gave the motor industry most of that extra impetus, with private sales once more accounting for less than half of the total registrations – 43.5 per cent this time round.

The fleet/business sector also tends to skew the UK's list of top-10 selling cars; the Ford Focus remains the country's number one overall, but the company car darling last year was Ford's arch rival the Vauxhall Astra.

And while those two brands have traditionally been the dominant fleet brands, Germany's VW Group is an increasing threat.

Figures from top fleet supplier Lex for 2007 show that Vauxhall, Ford and VW took seven out of the top-10 places.

Ford was the most popular fleet brand overall, securing three out of the top-10 places with the Mondeo staging a remarkable recovery from nowhere in 2005 – the last time Lex surveyed the market – to fifth in the fleet top 10, no doubt helped by the upmarket third generation Mondeo launched in mid-2007.

The other surprise package was the Audi A3 (fourth) – another 'no show' in 2005 – which also helped Audi boost its overall market share by nearly 20 per cent in 2007.

Diesel models continued to dominate the fuel mix in 2007, accounting for 80 per cent of all company cars bought, compared with 64 per cent in 2005.

With company car drivers benefiting from lower 'benefit in kind tax' costs and lower personal fuel bills from choosing a diesel, the diesel percentage is expected to rise still further in 2008.

The Government can at least take credit for accelerating this trend towards lowering emissions and gaining more vehicle miles to the gallon, while Lex pricing manager Steve Jones added that the "tax system has certainly helped encourage company motorists to downsize their choice of car.

"And with more different versions of the same car being launched by manufacturers, company motorists have got a wider choice than they have ever had before."

UK Company Car Stars 2007

1 Vauxhall Astra	**6** Honda Civic
2 Ford Focus	**7** Ford Fiesta
3 Vauxhall Vectra	**8** BMW 3-Series
4 Audi A3	**9** VW Golf
5 Ford Mondeo	**10** VW Passat

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Auris 2.0 D-4D Official Fuel Consumption Figures in mpg (l/100km), Urban 40.4 (7.0), Extra Urban 61.4 (4.5), Combined 52.3 (5.0). CO2 Emissions 144 g/km.



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2005	05	Corsa Sxi	1.2	3	Black sapphire	20,300	£5,695
2006	56	Corsa Sxi CDTi	1.3D	3	Star silver	6,923	£7,495
2006	56	Corsa Active	1.2	3	Silver	2,100	£6,995
2006	56	Corsa Sxi +	1.4	3	Star silver	2,080	£7,295
2006	56	Corsa Sxi +	1.4	3	Ultra blue	5,500	£6,995
2006	56	Corsa Design	1.2	3	Star silver	6,200	£6,795
2007	56	Corsa Sxi +	1.4	3	Silver lightening	3,250	£7,395
2007	56	Corsa Sxi	1.2	5	Black sapphire	15,700	£6,995
2007	07	New Corsa Club	1.4	5	Star silver	5,800	£8,995
2007	07	New Corsa Sxi CDTi A/c	1.3D	5	Star silver	13350	£9,950
2007	07	New Corsa Club Auto A/c	1.4	5	Lancelot	9300	£9,995
2007	07	New Corsa Design A/c	1.2	3	Metro blue	13,250	£8,995

SIGNUM

YEAR	REG	MODEL	ENGINE	DOORS	COLOUR	MILEAGE	£
2003	03*	Signum Elegance	2.2	5	Oyster	50,375	£6,650
2003	53	Signum Elegance Auto	2.2	5	Star silver	36,500	£6,350
2004	04	Signum Elite Auto	2.2	5	Black sapphire	22,000	£8,195
2004	04	Signum Elegance Auto	2.2	5	Silver	34,850	£7,995
2005	55	Signum Exclusive	2.2	5	Grey	33,100	£8,995
2007	07	Signum Design CDTi Auto	1.9D	5	Pannacotta	6,350	£14,995

ASTRA

YEAR	REG	MODEL	ENGINE	DOORS	COLOUR	MILEAGE	£
2004	54	New Astra Club	1.6	5	Black sapphire	29,450	£7,495
2004	04	New Astra Club	1.6	5	Black sapphire	49,200	£6,395
2005	54	New Astra Sxi	1.6	5	Flame red	34,000	£7,995
2005	05	New Astra Estate Design	1.8	5	Breeze blue	33,700	£7,995
2005	55	New Astra Sxi	1.6	5	Silver lightening	11,680	£8,250
2005	55	New Astra Sxi	1.6	5	Star silver	15,550	£7,995
2006	56	New Astra VXR	2.0	3	Flame red	4,400	£15,495
2007	07	New Astra Club	1.6	5	Panacotta	9,800	£9,295
2007	07	New Astra Club CDTi	1.7D	5	Silver lightening	7,950	£10,295
2007	57	New Astra Energy	1.4	5	Star silver	Delivery	£9,495
2007	57	New Astra Sports Sxi CDTi	1.7D	3	Power red	8,150	£11,995

MERIVA

YEAR	REG	MODEL	ENGINE	DOORS	COLOUR	MILEAGE	£
2004	04	Meriva Design MTA	1.8	5	Ultra blue	35,000	£6,495
2007	57	Meriva Energy MTA	1.6	5	Ultra blue	1,950	£10,995

ZAFIRA

YEAR	REG	MODEL	ENGINE	DOORS	COLOUR	MILEAGE	£
2001	Y*	Zafira Comfort	1.6	5	Star silver	54400	£4,495
2003	03*	Zafira Club	1.6	5	Mirage	65,650	£4,995
2005	54	Zafira Life Auto	1.8	5	Star silver	26,200	£6,995
2006	55	Zafira Design	1.8	5	Star silver	26,300	£10,495
2006	56	Zafira Sri + Exterior pack	1.8	5	Pannacotta	20,500	£11,995

VECTRA

YEAR	REG	MODEL	ENGINE	DOORS	COLOUR	MILEAGE	£
2006	06	Vectra Exclusiv	1.8	5	Black sapphire	14,900	£8,995
2007	07	Vectra Exclusiv	1.8	5	Ultra blue	2,500	£10,995
2007	07	Vectra CDTi Exclusiv Est	1.9	5	Metro blue	12,050	£12,995
2007	07	Vectra Sri CDTi (150ps)	1.9D	5	Black sapphire	8,750	£16,995
2007	07	Vectra Life	1.8	5	Black sapphire	10,250	£9,995
2007	57	Vectra Exclusiv + Pack	1.8	5	Star silver	5,675	£11,995

OTHER MAKES

YEAR	REG	MODEL	ENGINE	DOORS	COLOUR	MILEAGE	£
2003	53*	Renault Scenic Fidji	1.4	5	Metallic blue	34,500	£4,795

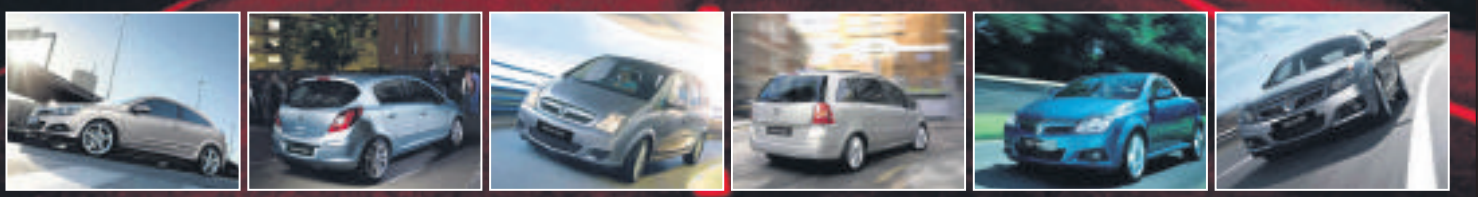
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2007	07	Vivaro	1.9 D SWB	White	9,400	£10,150+VAT
2007	07	Combo	1.3CDTi	White	13,600	£7,150+VAT
2007	07	Astravan	1.3 CDTi	White	Delivery	£7,995+VAT
2006	56	Movano	2.5 CDTi LWB	Silver	3,000	£13,995+VAT
2007	07	Corsavan	1.3 CDTi	White	Delivery	£6,995+VAT
2006	56	Astravan	1.3 CDTi Club	White	Delivery	£7,495+VAT
2007	07	Combo	1.3D Crew van	White	Delivery	£8,495+VAT
2007	57	Combo	1.3D CDTi	White	Delivery	£7,995+VAT
2007	57	Vivaro	1.9D Double cab	White	Delivery	£13,595+VAT
2006	56	Astravan	1.3 CDTi	White	9,800	£6,995+VAT
2007	07	Astravan	1.7CDTi	Star silver	5,050	£7,995+VAT
2006	56	Combo	1.3 CDTi	White	10,260	£6,995+VAT
2006	06	Vivaro	1.9DTi	White	27,875	£8,995+VAT

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YEAR	REG	MODEL	ENGINE	DOORS	COLOUR	MILEAGE	£
2005	05*	Nissan Primestar	1.9 CDTi		Blue	80,000	£6,495+VAT
2002	02*	Corsa Sxi	1.2	3	Yellow	52,000	£3,995
2005	05	Corsa Breeze	1.0	3	Star silver	28,000	£4,995
2007	07	Corsa VXR	1.6	3	Arden blue	TBA	£14,495
2007	07	Corsa CDTi Club A/c	1.3D	5	Silver lightening	TBA	£9,495
2005	05	Meriva Design CDTi	1.7D	5	Ultra blue	31,000	£7,295
2004	54	New Astra Sxi	1.6	5	Star silver	17,000	£7,495
2004	54	Astra Club E/T	1.6	5	Star silver	40,000	£6,995
2005	05	Astra Sri	2.0	3	Black sapphire	15,000	£10,995
2005	54	Astra Coupe	1.8	2	Star silver	34,000	£6,695
2005	05	Zafira Breeze	1.6	5	Black sapphire	37,000	£7,350
2005	55	New Zafira Life A/c	1.6	5	Flame red	29,000	£8,995
2007	07	Tigra Exclusiv Red	1.4	5	Metro blue	TBA	£11,995
2005	05	Meriva Design	1.6	5	Star silver	28,000	£6,995

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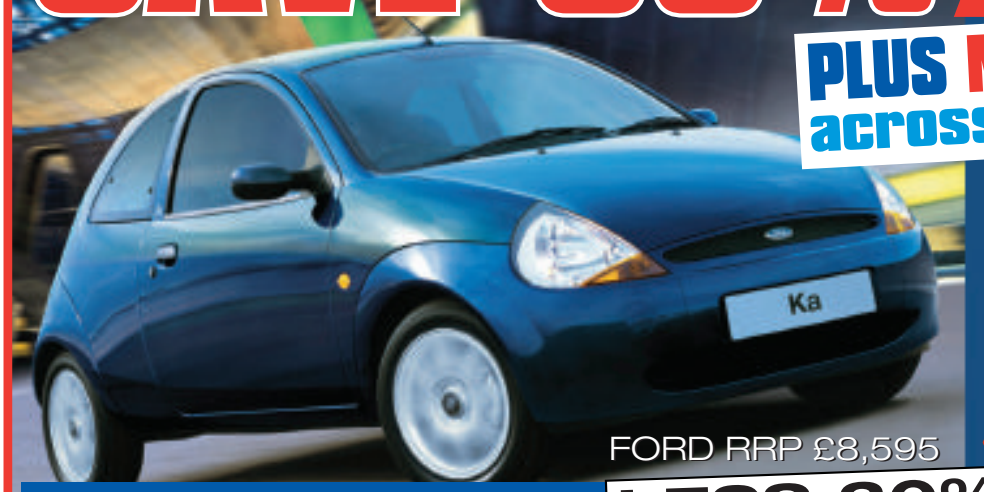
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Boxster keeps crown

DrivingReview



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PorscheBoxster



MAKERS of the very best cars do not tinker with styling too often.

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And major changes trash residual values; nobody likes to be seen in what is obviously the 'old model' and if you asked customers to pay a lot upfront, they hate to see their car plummet in value.

The paragon here is Porsche, and while it will never be a volume manufacturer it is now far more than a one-product company.

To the perennial yet constantly evolving rear-engine 911, the German sporting marque has added the Cayenne 4x4, the Boxster roadster and the Cayman hardtop version of the Boxster.

Of these, the Boxster remains the most affordable way into the brand and, despite being launched in 1996, has been skilfully updated to keep it fresh without destroying those precious used values and customers' confidence.

The essence of the car's success is being designed to be a roadster from the start; too many open-tops are created from models with a roof and suffer rigidity and handling problems, but the Boxster was stiff and well sorted from the off.

Along with styling tweaks, the smooth flat-six 'boxer' engine that inspired the car's name has had its power upped steadily: the entry model's 2.7-litre now develops 245bhp and the 3.2-litre 295bhp, with the RS60 Spyder flagship – also pictured on these pages and featuring retro touches inspired by great Porsche roadsters of the past – develops 303bhp.

The exemplary chassis has also been reworked cleverly and larger wheels plus a wider track accentuate a slightly more 'butch' body shape with bigger side vents.

My first drive of a Boxster after all the hype was "this had better be good". It was, and the revised model was even better – this is a car to make any driver feel and appear better than they are.

I've now just driven one of the newly launched Sport series models and the Boxster S Sport reaffirms my earlier impressions.

It is a beautifully appointed car with lots of extra chrome and stainless steel calculated to see off new pretenders to the Boxster's 'best roadster' crown, but while a buyer might take the extra trappings for granted after a while it is the essence of the car that endures.

It is a car that can be driven to any limits you care to place on the road – though the Boxster's considerable boundaries are perhaps better explored on a track – yet I would not be upset at the thought of driving to Scotland and back in this sports car, whatever the road conditions.

That is tribute to the car's everyday comfort, beautifully arranged interior with infinite adjustment to the driving position and to a piece of machinery so much in harmony.

The interaction between engine, gearbox, clutch, accelerator and brakes is seamless and the balanced chassis makes the car feel glued to the bends.

The free-revving mid-mounted engine, sings away behind your head and also allows luggage to be carried in compartments in front and behind.

The former is a deep 'bin', while the latter is shallower yet deceptively spacious – a neighbour who needed a lift to Gatwick promised to 'pack light' for her holiday, but her gargantuan suitcase went in the back anyway.

Much as I enjoyed the new £43,110 S Sport though I stand by previous advice: even the cheapest Boxster – new or used – can give you all the status and driving enjoyment you could want.

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- Porsche Boxster S Sport £43,110.
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- Performance: top speed 169mph and 0-62mph in 5.4 seconds.
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- Official fuel figures: combined 26.6mpg.
- Euro NCAP safety rating (0-5 stars): n/a
- Fuel tank: 64 litres/14.1 gallons.
- Insurance group: 19.
- Warranty: two years/unlimited miles.
- Website: www.porsche.co.uk
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07	FABIA 1 1.2 12V 70BHP 5DR HATCH	1372	RED	£9,660	£2,470	£7,190
07	FABIA 1 1.2 12V 70BHP 5DR HATCH	848	GREY	£9,660	£2,470	£7,190
57	FABIA 1 1.2 12V 70BHP 5DR HATCH	TBA	RED	£9,946	£1,956	£7,990
57	FABIA 1 1.2 12V 70BHP 5DR HATCH	TBA	BLUE	£9,920	£1,930	£7,990
07	FABIA 1 1.4 TDI 80BHP 5DR HATCH	2171	BLACK	£11,125	£2,635	£8,490
57	FABIA 2 1.4 16V 85BHP 5DR HATCH	TBA	BEIGE	£10,421	£1,931	£8,490
57	FABIA 2 1.6 16V 105BHP SDR HATCH	TBA	RED	£10,975	£1,985	£8,990
57	FABIA 3 1.9 TDI 105BHP SDR HATCH	TBA	GREY	£13,475	£1,985	£11,490
FABIA ESTATE						
07	FABIA BOHEMIA 1.2 12V 64BHP 5DR ESTATE	TBA	GREY	£9,750	£1,760	£7,990
ROOMSTER MPV						
56	ROOMSTER LEVEL 1 1.4 16V 85BHP 5DR	1615	RED	£10,610	£3,620	£6,990
07	ROOMSTER LEVEL 1 1.4 16V 85BHP 5DR	1853	SILVER	£11,700	£3,210	£8,490
07	ROOMSTER LEVEL 2 1.4 16V 85BHP 5DR	2196	BLUE	£12,420	£2,930	£9,490
57	ROOMSTER LEVEL 2 1.4 16V 85BHP 5DR	TBA	BEIGE	£13,020	£3,030	£9,990
07	ROOMSTER LEVEL 2 1.6 16V 105BHP SDR	3528	GREY	£12,350	£2,360	£9,990
07	ROOMSTER LEVEL 2 1.6 16V 105BHP SDR	TBA	BLUE	£12,590	£2,600	£9,990
57	ROOMSTER LEVEL 2 1.6 16V 105BHP SDR	TBA	BLUE	£13,140	£2,650	£10,490
57	ROOMSTER LEVEL 2 1.6 16V 105BHP SDR	TBA	GREY	£13,280	£2,790	£10,490
57	ROOMSTER LEVEL 2 1.6 16V 105BHP SDR	TBA	RED	£13,250	£2,760	£10,490
57	ROOMSTER LEVEL 2 1.9 TDI 105BHP SDR	TBA	BLUE	£13,980	£2,990	£10,990
07	ROOMSTER LEVEL 3 1.4 16V 85BHP SDR	3218	BLUE	£13,430	£3,440	£9,990
OCTAVIA HATCH						
57	OCTAVIA CLASSIC 1.9 TDI 105BHP DSG 5DR	TBA	RED	£15,230	£4,240	£10,990
07	OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 2.0 FSI 150BHP SDR	3397	GREY	£15,020	£5,030	£9,990
56	OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 1.9 TDI 105BHP SDR	7489	BLACK	£15,115	£5,125	£9,990
57	OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 1.9 TDI 105BHP 5DR	TBA	SILVER	£15,115	£4,125	£10,990
07	OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 2.0 TDI 140BHP SDR	3754	BLUE	£16,595	£5,105	£11,490
57	OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 2.0 TDI 140BHP SDR	TBA	GREEN	£16,595	£4,605	£11,990
57	OCTAVIA ELEGANCE 2.0 TDI 140BHP SDR	TBA	RED	£17,615	£4,625	£12,990
07	OCTAVIA VRS 2.0 FSI 200BHP SDR	TBA	RED	£18,805	£4,815	£13,990
07	OCTAVIA VRS 2.0 TDI 170BHP SDR	TBA	BLUE	£20,110	£4,620	£15,490
57	OCTAVIA VRS 2.0 TDI 170BHP SDR	TBA	RED	£20,570	£4,280	£16,290
OCTAVIA ESTATE						
07	OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 1.6 FSI 115BHP ESTATE	TBA	BEIGE	£14,460	£3,470	£10,990
57	OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 1.9 TDI 105BHP ESTATE	TBA	BLUE	£16,835	£3,845	£12,990
57	OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 2.0 TDI 140BHP ESTATE	TBA	GREY	£17,885	£3,895	£13,990
57	OCTAVIA VRS 2.0 TDI 170BHP SDR ESTATE	TBA	BLUE	£21,420	£3,930	£17,490
57	OCTAVIA L&K 2.0 FSI 150BHP AUTO ESTATE	TBA	RED	£20,380	£3,890	£16,490
07	OCTAVIA SCOUT 2.0 TDI 140BHP ESTATE	4087	GREY	£21,360	£5,370	£15,990
SUPERB SALOON						
06	SUPERB COMFORT 2.0 TDI 140BHP	5603	BLUE	£17,340	£5,350	£11,990

HUGE REDUCTIONS ON SELECTED USED VEHICLES

ALL USED VEHICLES ARE HPI CHECKED, VALETED, SERVICED, MOT'D (WHERE APPLICABLE) & INCLUDE A MINIMUM 1 YEAR WARRANTY WITH FULL RAC COVER

REG.	MODEL / ENGINE	MILEAGE	COLOUR	WAS	SAVING	PRICE TO YOU
FABIA HATCH						
Y	FABIA COMFORT 1.4 MPI 68BHP 5DR HATCH	44372	SILVER	£4,490	£500	£3,990
04	FABIA COMFORT 1.4 16V 100BHP SDR HATCH	29565	GREY	£6,490	£500	£5,990
05	FABIA AMBIENTE 1.4 16V 100BHP SDR HATCH	27527	RED	£6,990	£500	£6,490
55	FABIA ELEGANCE 1.4 16V 100BHP SDR HATCH	29377	GREEN	£8,490	£1,500	£6,990
55	FABIA VRS 1.9 TDI 130BHP SDR HATCH	27015	BLACK	£9,990	£1,300	£8,690
06	FABIA VRS 1.9 TDI 130BHP SDR HATCH	11153	RED	£10,990	£1,200	£9,790
56	FABIA VRS 1.9 TDI 130BHP SDR HATCH	4863	RED	£11,490	£2,000	£9,490
FABIA ESTATE						
05	FABIA AMBIENTE 1.9 SDI 68BHP SDR ESTATE	32427	RED	£7,990	£1,000	£6,990
06	FABIA ELEGANCE 1.4 16V 100BHP SDR ESTATE	21073	GREY	£9,490	£1,500	£7,990
OCTAVIA HATCH						
54	OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 1.9 TDI 105BHP 5DR HATCH	31090	GREY	£9,490	£700	£8,790
54	OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 1.9 TDI 105BHP SDR HATCH	27406	GREY	£9,990	£1,500	£8,490
54	OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 1.9 TDI 105BHP SDR HATCH	29227	BEIGE	£9,690	£1,400	£8,290
06	OCTAVIA VRS 2.0 FSI 200BHP SDR HATCH	11478	SILVER	£13,990	£1,000	£12,990
07	OCTAVIA VRS 2.0 FSI 200BHP SDR HATCH	1117	BLUE	£16,490	£1,500	£14,990

QUALITY USED VEHICLES

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REG	MODEL / ENGINE	MILEAGE	COLOUR	PRICE
FABIA HATCH				
54	FABIA CLASSIC 1.2 12V 64BHP SDR HATCH	TBA	BEIGE	£5,990
56	FABIA CLASSIC 1.2 12V 64BHP SDR HATCH	8791	GREY	£6,990
53	FABIA COMFORT 1.2 12V 64BHP SDR HATCH	10241	BLUE	£5,990
52	FABIA SILVERLINE 1.4 MPI 68BHP SDR HATCH	42537	SILVER	£4,990
FABIA ESTATE				
51	FABIA COMFORT 1.9 TDI 100BHP SDR ESTATE	68627	RED	£5,290
05	FABIA AMBIENTE 1.4 TDI 80BHP SDR ESTATE	7146	GREY	£8,490
OCTAVIA HATCH				
04	OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 1.9 TDI 90BHP AUTO 5DR HATCH		GREY	£7,990
03	OCTAVIA ELEGANCE 1.9 TDI 110BHP SDR HATCH	71062	BLACK	£5,990
SUPERB SALOON				
05	SUPERB COMFORT 1.9 TDI 130BHP 4DR SALOON	11024	BEIGE	£10,990

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AC

ACCORD, 2.0 SE Saloon 4dr VTec, 04/2001, air conditioning alloy wheels cruise control power assisted steering service history, silver, 55000 miles, £3, 995, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

ACCORD, VTEC Executive, alarm, immobiliser, remote central locking, electric mirrors, electric windows, electric sunroof, multi-disc cd player, alloy wheels, metallic blue, 53000 miles, £8490, AR Cars, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

ACCORD, I-VTEC SE, remote central locking, remote alarm, rear headrests, electric mirrors, electric windows, abs, cloth upholstery, red, 56000 miles, £3695, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

ALFA ROMEO

147, JTD Lusso, abs (anti-lock brakes), alloy wheels, centre rear seat belt, climate control, cloth interior, cruise control, driver's air bag, electric windows, passenger air bag, power-assisted steering, seat height adjustment, trip computer, metallic sterling grey, 44000 miles, £9995, Thames Group Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

156, 1.8 T SPARK, 2000 (v), 67759 miles red, 4 door saloon, pas, abs, air bag, passenger air bag, electric sunroof, service history, alarm, immobiliser, stereo many more quality pre-owned cars for sale on: www.rivieracarsales.co.uk, metallic burgandy, Only £2795, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

156, 1.8 T SPARK, 2000, red, 67759 miles, £2495, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

156, Selespeed 16v Veloce, gd51ecf, remote alarm, full leather, power steering, cd player, uk supplied, 16'' alloys, red, 50000 miles, £2999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

AUDI

A2, SE 5dr, gj02cxu, climate control, remote alarm, remote central locking, power steering, electric front windows, electric mirrors, abs, twin air bags, adjustable steering column, retractable headrests, anti-theft system, radio cassette, uk specification, uk supplied, 16'' alloys, aluminium silver, 66440 miles, £5999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

A3, SE, ak02fbo, central locking, immobiliser, air conditioning, electric windows, power steering, abs, air bag, cd player, colour coded body, head restraints, electric mirrors, alcantara leather, stereo, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, 17'' alloys, blue, 52000 miles, £6499, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

A3, 2003, 3x3 point rear seat belts abs alarm climate control cruise control electricdoor mirrors folding rear seats front armrest front electric windows front head restraints heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser pas rear headrests rear wiper remote central locking side airbags space saver spare wheel steering wheel rake adjustment steering wheel reach adjustment traction control, silver, 48394 miles, £9495, WJ King Vauxhall, Farningham, 01322 862366 (TRADE)

TT 1.8, QUATTRO, 2000, silver, 57947 miles, £9995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

BENTLEY

CONTINENTAL GT, 2005, arena red metallic with saddle leather interior, 28000 miles, £62950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

BMW

1 SERIES, 116i SE 5dr [6], 120296127, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, alarm, traction control, climate control, electric front windows, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, quick-clear screen, colour coded body, automatic electric windows, electric windows, air conditioning, dual climate zones, cd player, radio, steering wheel audio controls, stereo, 16'' alloys, blue, 9701 miles, £12999, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

3 SERIES, 323ci SE, v287gmo, immobiliser, half leather, power steering, climate control, remote central locking, head restraints, electric seats, parking sensor, centre armrest, abs, multiple airbags, colour coded body, front fog lamps, cd player, metallic paintwork, rear spoiler, multi-function steering wheel, cruise control, traction control, adjustable steering column, electric aerial, electric mirrors, electric windows, multi-disc cd player, uk supplied, 18'' alloys, blue, 73000 miles, £6999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

3 SERIES, 318i, v119ocs, immobiliser, locking wheel nuts, remote alarm, remote central locking, full leather, centre armrest, head restraints, height adjustable seat, power steering, trip computer, abs, twin air bags, colour coded body, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, automatic electric windows, electric mirrors, power hood, climate control, radio cassette, uk specification, 17'' alloys, blue metallic, 68000 miles, £7795, Kent Motorvation, Maidstone, 01622 600 456 (TRADE)

3 SERIES, 320d Sport, lv03xkx, central locking, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, power steering, abs, air bag, climate control, electric mirrors, electric windows, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, cd player, radio, uk supplied, 18'' alloys, aluminium silver, 100000 miles, £8499, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

CHRYSLER

NEON, 2.0 LXI, 1995 (n), automatic, 5 door saloon, metallic green coachwork with contrasting grey velour trim, low mileage, original hi-fi, only 1 owner from new. £1695, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

NEON, SE, remote central locking, remote alarm, rear headrests, electric front windows, electric mirrors, cd player, radio cassette, air conditioning, twin air bags, power steering, adjustable steering column, cloth upholstery, silver, 51000 miles, £2495, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

PT CRUISER, rear headrests, rear wash/wipe, remote alarm, remote central locking, front fog lamps, centre armrest, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, traction control, radio cassette, cd player, air conditioning, cruise control, twin air bags, electric mirrors, electric windows, abs, power steering, cloth upholstery, alloy wheels, silver, 34000 miles, £5995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

CITROEN

C5, 1.6 HDi 16V LX 5dr, 2006, 1.6 hdi 16v lx 5dr diesel hatch, silver, 7500 miles, £10995, Wilmoths Ashford, Ashford, 01233 640100 (TRADE)

C5, 2.0 HDi 16V Exclusive 5dr, 2006, 2.0 hdi 16v exclusive 5dr diesel hatch, blue, 11153 miles, £12995, Wilmoths Ashford, Ashford, 01233 640100 (TRADE)

C5, 1.6 HDi 16V VTR 5dr, 2006, 1.6 hdi 16v vtr 5dr diesel hatch, red, 12761 miles, £10995, Wilmoths Folkestone, Folkestone, 01303 245 588 (TRADE)

C5, 2.2 HDi 16V VTR 5dr Auto, 2005, 2.2 hdi 16v vtr 5dr auto diesel hatch, grey, 10871 miles, £11750, Wilmoths Folkestone, Folkestone, 01303 245 588 (TRADE)

C5, 2.0 HDi 16V VTR 5dr, 2005, 2.0 hdi 16v vtr 5dr diesel hatch, red, 26623 miles, £10995, Wilmoths Folkestone, Folkestone, 01303 245 588 (TRADE)

C5, 1.6 HDi 16V VTR 5dr, 2007, 1.6 hdi 16v vtr 5dr diesel hatch, blue, 10 miles, £11995, Wilmoths Folkestone, Folkestone, 01303 245 588 (TRADE)

C5, 1.6 HDi 16V LX 5dr, 2006, 1.6 hdi 16v lx 5dr diesel hatch, red, 25500 miles, £8995, Barretts Citroen, canterbury, 0845 3709768 (TRADE)

DAEWOO

DAEWOO NUBIRA 4 door saloon, 06 2000, 1.6 p se mot july 08, 0 miles, £500, Beaver Commercials, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

ESPERO 2.0, 1996, silver, 59387 miles, £1495, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

LACETTI, SX 1.6, 25637, finished in mint green with black interior manual, black, 0 miles, £4995, Caffyns Tumbridge Wells Vauxhall, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

LANOS, 1.4 S Hatchback 3d 1349cc, w583vlm, new mot very clean, green, 33935 miles, £1495.00, DCD Autos, Ashford, 01233 642211 (TRADE)

DAIHATSU

DAIHATSU HI JET, 11 1999, 1.3 efi drop side truck 49.000 miles ex council, £2750, Beaver Commercials, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

GRAND MOVE, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, power steering, metallic paintwork, electric front windows, radio, red, 45000 miles, £2699, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

TERIOS, 1.3 Sport Station Wagon 5d 1298cc, 05 2005, remote central locking, a.b.s, electric windows, electric mirrors, power assisted steering, roof spoiler, side opening rear door, parcel shelf, large boot, alloy wheels, front and rear fog lamps, full service history. metallic blue and grey, miles, £6795, Westbrook Cars, Canterbury, 01227 710685 (TRADE)

FIAT

BRAVO, 1.9 MultiJet 16V 150 Sport, 2915256, choice of colours, 0 miles, £13795, Thames Group Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

BRAVO, T-JET, gf07sxv, alarm, alloy wheels, anti-lock brakes, central locking, drivers airbag, electric windows, passenger airbag, power steering, side airbags, split/folding rear seats, tinted glass, traction control, trip computer, climate control, metallic paint, red, 3000 miles, £11995, Thames Group Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

BRAVO, Dynamic, gf07sxw, alloy wheels, anti-lock brakes, climate control, drivers airbag, electric windows, passenger airbag, power steering, remote central locking, side airbags, split/folding rear seats, tinted glass, traction control, trip computer, metallic paint, blue, 5000 miles, £11995, Thames Group Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

CROMA, JTD Dynamic, gk55uru, abs(anti-lock brakes), air bag knee, air conditioning, body coloured bumpers, central locking, cloth interior, driver's air bag, immobiliser, passenger air bag, power-assisted steering, blue, 10000 miles, £7995, Thames Group Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

CROMA, 1.9 16v MultiJet Eleganza, 55256, choice of colours, 0 miles, £12033, Thames Group Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

FORD

FOCUS, 1.4 LX, 2006, insurance group 4 abs air conditioning audio remote control body coloured bumpers drivers airbag power steering radio/cd remote central locking 1 owner service history, jeans blue, 18000 miles, £7000, A 1 Carriages, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 1.6 LX Auto, 2006, insurance group 6 abs air conditioning audio remote control body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd remote central locking side airbags steering wheel rake adjustment steering wheel reach adjustment 1 owner service history, moondust silver, 16000 miles, £7489, A1 Carriages, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 1.6 Zetec Auto, 2000, insurance group 5 alloy wheels body coloured bumpers drivers airbag folding rear seats front electric windows front fog lights height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cassette remote central locking sports seats steering wheel rake adjustment steering wheel reach adjustment service history, aquafrost, 52000 miles, £3589, A1 Carriages, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 1.6 Ghia, 2004, insurance group 6 abs air conditioning alloy wheels audio side airbags steering wheel rake adjustment steering wheel reach adjustment 1 owner service history, moondust silver, 16000 miles, £7000, A1 Carriages, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

MONDEO, 2.0 Ghia X 5dr (2005 - 2007), 08/01/2005, cd player abs alarm silver, 25207 miles, £9399, Invicta Motors, Ramsgate, 01843 853555 (TRADE)

MONDEO, 2.0 Zetec 5dr (2007 -), 19/01/2007, cd player abs driver airbag power steering immobiliser cruise control electric windows, silver, 12779 miles, £10499, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 08444 992321 (TRADE)

MONDEO, 2.0 LX 5dr (2005 - 2007), 28/02/2007, silver, 13485 miles, £9999, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 08444 992321 (TRADE)

MONDEO, 2.0 TDCi Titanium X 5dr (2007 -), 31/05/2007, cd player abs navigation system electric windows, grey, 567 miles, £21999, Invicta Motors, Ashford, 01233 504400 (TRADE)

HONDA

ACCORD, 2.0 SE Saloon 4dr VTec, 04/2001, air conditioning alloy wheels cruise control power assisted steering service history, silver, 55000 miles, £3, 995, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

ACCORD, 2.2i CTDi Sport 4dr, aj54ypu, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, alarm, climate control, cruise control, 37652 miles, £9999, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

HONDA

ACCORD, 2.0 SE Saloon 4dr VTec, 04/2001, air conditioning alloy wheels cruise control power assisted steering service history, silver, 55000 miles, £3, 995, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

ACCORD, VTEC Executive, bk04pgf, alarm, immobiliser, remote central locking, colour coded interior, full leather, centre armrest, colour coded body, front fog lamps, headlamp jetwash, multi-disc cd player, alloy wheels, metallic blue, 53000 miles, £8490, AR Cars, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

ACCORD, I-VTEC SE, 5530079, remote central locking, remote alarm, rear headrests, electric mirrors, electric windows, height adjustable seat, cruise control, power steering, adjustable steering column, radio cassette, air conditioning, twin air bags, electric sunroof, rear armrest, abs, cloth upholstery, red, 56000 miles, £3695, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

ACCORD, 2.0 i-VTEC EX 4dr Auto, bd56elh, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, alarm, climate control, cruise control, full leather, heated seats, electric front windows, electric windows, multi-disc cd player, electric mirrors, front fog lamps, headlamp wash/wipe, alloy wheels, jet black met, 4191 miles, £16299, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

ACCORD, 2.2i CTDi Sport 4dr, aj54ypu, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, alarm, climate control, cruise control, electric front windows, electric windows, cd player, electric mirrors, front fog lamps, alloy wheels, grey metallic, 37652 miles, £9999, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

PRELUDE, 2.0, 170273, central locking, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, head restraints, electric front windows, electric mirrors, electric sunroof, cd player, grey metallic, 107500 miles, £1495, Kent Motorvation, Maidstone, 01622 600 456 (TRADE)

HYUNDAI

AMICA, GSI, 2001, yellow, 9947 miles, £3295, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

AMICA, 1.1 Cdx, 559649, hyundai amica 1.1 cdx 5dr hyundai hyundai Ashford drake & fletcher red, 2006, 8350 miles, manual, petrol, 5 doors, 1 previous owners, red, £4995, Drake and Fletcher Hyundai, Ashford, 0845 389 1214 (TRADE)

AMICA, 1.1cdx, 127649, hyundai amica 1.1cdx hyundai hyundai Ashford drake & fletcher red, 2006, 7950 miles, manual, petrol, 1 doors, 1 previous owners, red, £3990, Drake and Fletcher Hyundai, Ashford, 0845 389 1214 (TRADE)

COUPE, SE 1599cc 3 door, 2001, cd player abs brakes sunroof air conditioning alloy wheels central locking leather upholstery alarm driver's airbag mileage verified immobiliser electric windows, met black, 78500 miles, £3495, Northdown Road Motor Company, Margate, 01843 290890 (TRADE)

JAGUAR

S-TYPE, 3.0 V6 Auto, 1999, insurance group 15 abs alarm alloy wheels body coloured bumpers climate control drivers airbag electrically adjustable drivers side airbags traction control trip computer 2 owners service history, meteorite silver, 62000 miles, £5000, A1 Carriages, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

SOVEREIGN, 4.0 Saloon 4d 3980cc auto, p 1997, electric windows, electric mirrors, remote central alarmed locking, air conditioning, radio cassette system, cruise control, cream interior leather, electric seats, memory seats, alloy wheels, front fog lamps, colour coded body, lots of service history. metallic silver/grey, miles, £3995, Westbrook Cars, Canterbury, 01227 710685 (TRADE)

X-TYPE, V6 Sport, gu03ubh, full leather, air bag, abs, climate control, power steering, remote central locking, immobiliser, head restraints, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, electric windows, electric mirrors, cd player, radio, uk supplied, 17'' alloys, 4x4, grey, 47000 miles, £8999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

KIA

CARENS, 2.0 CRDi LX 5dr, 01/03/2003, cd player power steering, blue, 35265 miles, £4799, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 08444 992321 (TRADE)

CARENS, 2.0 CRDi LE, 2006, insurance group 9 abs air conditioning body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows front fog lights heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser leather seats passenger airbag power steering radio/cd rear electric windows remote central locking roof rails steering wheel rake adjustment, cool silver, miles, £9995, Masters Bromley Kia, Beckenham, 0208 662 6133 (TRADE)

CARENS, Le 16v Crdi Auto, hk54 ehb, front fog lamps, roof rails, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, remote central locking, alarm, full leather, centre armrest, electric windows, electric mirrors, adjustable steering column, height adjustable seat, air conditioning, twin air bags, abs, power steering, cd player, radio, silver, 8500 miles, £7495, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

CARENS, Gsx 5dr, 9440, central locking, power steering, abs, air bag, electric windows, air conditioning, beige/silver, 65000 miles, £3495, Cranbrook Car Sales, Cranbrook, 01580 714007 (TRADE)

LAND ROVER

DEFENDER, 110 TDi High Capacity, power steering, tow pack, 4x4, truckman top. road tax is £180 per year on this vehicle, white, 0 miles, £7995, Diesel Centre, Staplehurst, 01580 890333 (TRADE)

DEFENDER, 110 TD5 Double Cab, power steering, radio cassette, 4x4, 6 seater, road tax is £205 per year on this vehicle. belize green, 56000 miles, £11995, Diesel Centre, Staplehurst, 01580 890333 (TRADE)

DEFENDER, 110 TD5 County Station Wagon, remote alarm, sunroof, radio cassette, power steering, tow pack, 4x4, 10 seater. road tax is £205 per year, red, 29000 miles, £15995, Diesel Centre, Staplehurst, 01580 890333 (TRADE)

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GOLF, 2.8 vr6, 1998, black, 93000 miles, £2500, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

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'Mossie' launch first of many as Hornby targets Continent

STANDBY for take-off. One of the most admired World War Two fighter bombers – the Mosquito – is about to swoop across the Kent landscape again. This time as one of the biggest plastic aircraft kit models ever made – courtesy of Hornby.

By **TONY PATEY**
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The Margate-based firm is building a 24th-scale model of the de Havilland Mosquito, the legendary aircraft which even the Germans admired and was known as the 'Mossie' to its crews. It flew from Manston towards the end of the war and from other Kent airfields, such as West Malling, during the rest of the conflict.

Now it will take-off in kit form – certainly the biggest Hornby's Airfix has ever made and believed to be the largest plastic aircraft kit ever – from retailers from November, priced £80.

The first model will be the NF2 and other versions will follow. City observers are already saying this, plus an upcoming James Bond version of the Scalextric brand, will become 'must-haves' next Christmas.

The company, which has just announced a trading update, has secured the licence for a range of products based on the forthcoming James Bond movie Quantum of Solace.

Sets, which will include a model of Bond's silver Aston Martin DBS, are also coming out in November, at £80 for the standard set and £40 for the micro.

The Mosquito has quite a story: Hornby chief executive Frank Martin said it was first flagged up by Airfix in the 1970s, when it was a stand-alone company, but never taxied off the drawing board for various reasons.

He said: "It never proceeded from the early drawing stages, but we started again from scratch."

This year we're seeing new Airfix models based on Dr Who and Shaun the Sheep – a spin-off from superstars Wallace and Gromit – and a limited edition of the Nimrod aircraft – originally designed by de Havilland's successor, Hawker Siddeley, now part of BAE Systems – costing around £50.

Hornby's Digital Control system for model railways is also expected to continue to gain momentum during this year.

Positive feedback from early adopters, coupled with new features such as the infra-red controller, locomotives featuring authentic sounds and more powerful electronic chips gives bosses confidence the system will be established rapidly in all European markets.

Scalextric sales zoomed ahead by 30 per cent last year with the Hamilton effect – sets based on the Vodafone Mercedes McLaren team and its outstanding Formula One driver Lewis Hamilton who nearly clinched the world title.

However, the firm is saying that full-year sales to the end of March will be about £1 million down because of production problems blamed on suppliers finding it tough to provide a wide range of models based on trains running across the Continent. Supplies will get through – but they'll be in next year's accounts.

Mr Martin said: "Hornby is in the process of establishing itself as a strong contender in all key European markets."

Full-year results are expected to be around a record £57m in sales – compared with £48m in the year before – and profits well over a record £9m, compared with the previous year's £7.7m. Orders from independent retailers were up 20 per cent in January indicating stocks sold well over Christmas.

Hornby shares rose by 5p each to 202.5p on the news.

Ruling casts doubt over compulsory retirement age

EMPLOYMENT lawyers claim the law surrounding compulsory retirement ages is in disarray after a senior law partner who didn't want to retire at 65 took his old Kent firm to a tribunal – and lost.

The employment tribunal – at Ashford – found it was reasonable to force partners to retire from the firm at 65 in order to achieve aims for the business. The ex-partner, Leslie Seldon, is now planning to appeal.

Mr Seldon, who is now a notary in Bidborough, Tunbridge Wells, said: "I simply wanted to carry on working as I understood the new age discrimination legislation entitled me to do."

The groundbreaking case – believed to be the first of its kind – came about because Mr Seldon, who had been with Orpington-based Clarkson Wright and Jakes for 35 years and as a senior partner for 13, claimed he wanted to remain with the firm when he retired as a full-time partner in December 2006.

The firm thought otherwise, because it had other plans, and so it found itself defending the claim at the tribunal for a four-day hearing last September and a further one day in October. The decision was announced recently.

Jo Davis, partner and head of the employment team at Buckinghamshire-based BP Collins, which represented Mr Seldon, said: "This decision is of huge significance to partnerships of all disciplines, which are likely to rely on it to justify their own retirement provisions."

On a general basis, many legal commentators have questioned the legality of the compulsory retirement age for employees and are keenly awaiting the outcome of the challenge launched by Age Concern in the European Court of Justice (ECJ). Meanwhile, claims brought by employees are being put on hold pending the outcome of the case.

Under current legislation there is a default retirement age of 65 for employees, although an employer still has a duty to consider an employee's request to continue working after they are due to retire.

Mr Seldon's partnership deed did not allow him to ask to keep working, so his retirement was compulsory.

Clarkson Wright and Jakes managing partner Andrew Wright said the decision had attracted messages of support from firms up and down the country.



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Aviation firm in Austrian court dogfight over problem planes

A SMALL flying school at Rochester Airport is suing a giant Austrian aircraft manufacturer for around £100,000 in a David and Goliath court case over the ineffectiveness of two aircraft.

But it could take between three and five years before Millen Aviation Services knows whether its action against Diamond Aircraft Industries has been successful – after nearly four years of frustration.

Meanwhile, Millen Aviation Services' boss Mike Millen says he is lumbered with two DA40, four-seater diesel turbo aircraft which he claims are "unfit for purpose".

But he said he's not out of business: "We also operate several non-Diamond aircraft."

The aircraft, each costing £185,000 new, were leased by Millen Aviation Services in June and August 2004, and since then they have been available for just 76 per cent of the time – costing the Millen family nearly £100,000 in lost revenue due to unplanned downtime.

Within the industry, the operational availability for commercial aircraft is expected at 97 per cent plus and Airbus guarantees an operational availability of 99 per cent for the first two years on its A380.

Teething

Mike Millen and his son Russell have had little success in getting satisfaction from Diamond in Austria and through its subsidiary in Yorkshire.

"Initially they said we may have teething troubles, but we still get many of the same problems after three and a half years.

"The problems have never stopped and the unreliability of these two aircraft is having a serious effect on our business," said Mr Millen.

They say the problems include: engine sensor failures, nose leg fractures, engine management system (ECU) failures and seven engines in total by the time that both aircraft had reached 1,000 hours.

"The engines are actually warranted for 2,400 hours so they are not proving to be anywhere close to as reliable as we were led to believe before we leased them," said Mr Millen.

Representing the Millens is lawyer, David Brown, a partner at Gullands solicitors in Maidstone, who said: "We have instructed lawyers in Austria to act for us in the Austrian courts and this process could take between three and five years.

"The case has now been lodged at the Austrian court. On January 15, the lawyers acting for the manufacturer filed an answer to the Millens' action which contained a general denial to each claim. The first step in the legal procedure will deal with evidence and then liability."

The two aircraft subject of the action are used for hiring and for flying lessons.



UP FOR IT: Mike (right) and his son Russell have taken Diamond Aircraft Industries to court

Mr Millen said: "We maintain there was insufficient research, development and testing of the aircraft and their Thielert diesel 1.7 engines before they went into production. Their current unreliability makes them unfit for purpose.

"Our claim is for the lost income due to excessive downtime and for the lease to be terminated without financial penalties, which we would have to pay if we just handed the aircraft back to the leasing company.

"We had, prior to this action, asked for them to be replaced with new aircraft, but this was not accepted.

"Diamond is a big corporation and we feel we are being bullied. We look forward to our day in court, because after all this time, the amount of evidence is overwhelming.

"The information collected includes maintenance records for our aircraft produced by Diamond UK and statements from other Diamond aircraft operators, both of which identify a number of the issues concerned.

"We are hoping they will see sense before that and settle our claim."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Good and bad news for drug giant Pfizer

THE world's largest research-based pharmaceutical company and the major supplier of medicines to the NHS, Pfizer Inc reported revenues for the last three months of last year were $13.1 billion – up from $12.6bn in the same period in 2006.

Revenues for the company, which has its European research and development headquarters at Sandwich where Viagra was discovered, were boosted by foreign exchange transactions, which increased them by approximately $610 million or five per cent and the strong performance of many new and in-line products.

For the full-year 2007, the company posted reported net income of $8.3bn, a decrease of 57 per cent compared with $19.3bn in 2006.

Duty of care a must for FTA members

FROM April 6, new legislation will mean that companies, organisations and certain Government bodies face an unlimited fine if they are found to have caused a person's death by gross failings in the corporate management of their duty of care.

The Freight Transport Association has published a new compliance guide explaining the offence, as well as offering guidance to help ensure that safety obligations are being met.

The guide can be downloaded from www.fta.co.uk/information/corporate-manslaughter/manslaughter-compliance-guide.pdf.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Kent companies up for business awards

SIX Kent companies are part of just 28 chosen from 300 as finalists in the 2008 South East Business Awards, managed by the South East England Development Agency (Seeda).

The finalists from Kent are the Royal British Legion Industries in Aylesford, Busymummy in Birchington, Christchurch Nursery in Folkestone, Rochester's Ideal Websites, PageSuite from Ashford and Ramsgate's Surin Thai, Lao and Cambodian restaurant.

Over the next few weeks the companies will receive visits from the South East Business Award judges as part of a rigorous evaluation process to identify the best in eight categories.

The visits are designed not only to assist the judges in choosing the top company in each category, but to give all finalists the opportunity to meet with highly ranked professional peers and evaluate how they can continue to develop their businesses.

The winners will be announced at the South East Business Awards final on March 6, at Ascot Racecourse, where Lord Digby Jones, Minister for Trade and Investment, will give the keynote speech.

Helpline giving free eco advice to builders

A NEW telephone line is being trialled in Maidstone offering free guidance to local construction workers regarding environmental legislation.

Construction businesses now have access to the Government-backed telephone service after the NetRegs website www.netregs.gov.uk chose the South East to trial the new helpline in response to demand from the construction sector across the UK.

Anyone with a query will be able to reach a team of experts by calling 0845 601 22 33 anonymously and receive free, impartial guidance.

As well as immediate verbal guidance, the service can also send out special fact sheets to help business owners.

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Ecologia flies in face of market to open in Italy

A KENT science company is brushing aside gloomy economic prospects – and striding right into Europe by setting up a new offshoot, ***writes Tony Patey***.



GROWING STRONGER: Ecologia's techniques enable contaminated land to be redeveloped

Ecologia Environmental Solutions, based at Kent Science Park in Sittingbourne, is establishing an Italian subsidiary which it says will offer it "huge potential".

The environmental consultancy and specialist remediation company has seen growing international demand and the decision to establish an Italian operation, based in Bologna, followed a detailed assessment of the business opportunities in the north of the country.

Director Mike Lenn said: "Italy, like the rest of Europe, may be suffering from a fair degree of economic uncertainty, but we believe it will be short-lived and there will be an ongoing and growing demand for our services, which enable contaminated land to be brought back into use and redeveloped.

"We have developed some very exciting and ground-breaking remediation techniques and our expansion in Bologna is part of our aim to become recognised as an international expert."

He added: "Northern Italy offers huge potential for Ecologia to commercially exploit its technologies. Our Italian team not only knows the area, but has a long-standing record in providing specialist advice and high quality site investigation and remediation projects.

"Our Bologna team will work closely with our qualified scientists, engineers, chemists and geologists based at Kent Science Park to tackle environmental remediation challenges."

The company was established in 2000 and employs nearly 50 people, the majority of whom live in Kent, and in particular Swale.

Mr Lenn said: "The area around Bologna is very industrial and similar in many ways to Thames Gateway, with large swathes of brownfield land requiring remediation before they can be redeveloped."

The company's new operations in Bologna will be headed by Matteo Donati and supported by Elena Rovesti, who both worked for Ecologia at Kent Science Park as contaminated land specialists.

Google boss to speak at networking lunch

WORLD-CLASS businessman Ben Legg – west Kent born and bred – will be speaking to local bosses in a major coup for an area networking group.

The Google chief, who once commanded a sales force of thousands for one of the world's biggest drinks companies, is guest speaker at the Hotel du Vin, Tunbridge Wells, for West Kent Networking's February meeting.

The gala lunch on February 15 has been sponsored by the Royal Bank of Scotland and Mr Legg, director of operations for Google in Great Britain, Ireland and Benelux, will give members and guests what promises to be a rare and exclusive insight into life at the world's biggest internet search engine.

West Kent Networking co-founder Stephen Fleming said: "It's a fantastic coup – to get a world-class speaker just shows the impact the group is making in Kent, Sussex and beyond.

"Ben is west Kent born and bred. He spent 10 years in the Royal Engineers, including active service in Northern Ireland and Bosnia, and worked for Coca-Cola for five years. He headed up a sales force of 12,000 in India before joining Google last year."

West Kent Networking was formed in May last year and now has more than 100 members. It was founded by Mr Fleming and Jeremy Timms as "an antidote to regimented and potentially expensive business networking groups".

Mr Fleming got to know Mr Legg through business contacts.

WKN is, and always has been, free to join and attend regular monthly meetings, which are usually in informal surroundings.

However, this will be its first lunch, and – although Mr Legg will not be charging – people attending are being asked to pay because of venue costs.

Sponsorship from RBS and a year-long partnership agreement with Edeal, the Eastbourne and District Enterprise Agency Ltd, has enabled the lunch, including some drinks, to be heavily subsidised to bring costs down to £30 per head.

There are limited places left – out of 60 half were gone by the start of this week.

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Q Can you tell us a little bit about how Wageroller works?

A Put simply, Wageroller provides an online finance facility that is used to settle payroll commitments directly, including NI and PAYE.

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The service allows customers to pay salaries directly to employees and NI/PAYE to HMRC within one simple transaction and provides 56-days rolling credit each time they use it.

Customers are only charged for funds in use, there are no penalties for early repayment and when not in use it is free of charge.

Finally the finance is geared to payroll commitments rather than assets, therefore it does not effect existing finance arrangements.

Q Is Wageroller designed for SMEs and micro-businesses or can it be adopted by businesses of all sizes?

A The service is aimed at businesses with a monthly wage bill of £25,000 or more typically within any sector.

Wageroller customers range from hairdressers to professional football clubs in size, with some individual customer facilities as large as £6 million plus.

Quest 4 Finance estimates there is £565m potential funding available for SMEs within Kent, Sussex and Surrey through Wageroller currently, out of a £8 billion potential UK market.

Q Given the essential nature of the product can reliability be guaranteed?

A Wageroller has banking standard software processes for managing every aspect of the service and was tested for nearly two years before working with live customers.

Since its launch Wageroller has delivered a totally reliable service for its growing customer base of 400 plus.

Q How has the recent credit crunch following the sub-prime mortgage crisis in the US impacted on your business?

A Because of the unique way that the Wageroller service works, it is recognised by financial institutions as a lower risk mechanism to fund businesses' needs.

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Q What is next in the pipeline for Quest 4 Finance?

A I have developed a number of other products over the last few years to compliment the Wageroller service, our next UK launch will be Payroller (www.payroller.co.uk). This service is aimed at recruitment consultancies and their customers.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Foundation degree for students and staff

SAGA Group, which provides services to people aged 50 and over, has linked up with the University of Greenwich to support a new foundation degree in contact centre management and customer service.

Starting next month, the course will be based at University Centre Folkestone (UCF), the town's new centre for higher education.

Saga is encouraging its staff to enrol for the qualification and hopes to be able to offer work placements to University of Greenwich students studying on business and IT courses at UCF.

The degree is also open to as to students wishing to train for a career in this rapidly expanding field.

University to hold business sessions

SMALL to medium-sized enterprises stand to benefit from a development programme designed to help Kent businesses flourish.

Canterbury Christ Church University is running Healthy Business, Growing Business in conjunction with the city council's economy team.

The first session Healthy Finance and Planning starts the programme on February 25.

The cost of all six sessions is £199 or £40 for individual workshops. Email lara.jefferys@canterbury.ac.uk to book.

The programme is held at Hall Place Enterprise Centre in Harbledown, Canterbury. Call 01227 782 1965 for more information.

Sheps on its game for RBS Six Nations

RUGBY-THEMED ads from Spitfire Premium Ale's acclaimed Bottle of Britain campaign will run throughout the RBS Six Nations 2008, which kicked-off this weekend.

Shepherd Neame sales and marketing director, Graeme Craig, said: "Spitfire continues to grow as a brand as a result of a successful marketing strategy of sponsorships and associations with major sporting events."

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Union of colleges will help students' needs





UNITED FRONT: North West Kent College, which has campuses at Dartford (left) and Gravesend (right) may soon merge with Bexley College

MAJOR merger talks are going on in the world of higher and further education in and around north west Kent with four colleges involved in providing business courses for local students having announced ideas to link-up.

By **TONY PATEY**
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Talks are taking place on the possibility of a future partnership between Bexley College and North West Kent College, while Bromley College of Further Education and Higher Education and Orpington College Corporations are working towards a super college.

A joint steering group consisting of three governors from each of the NWK and Bexley colleges has been set up to prepare an outline proposal for presentation to the Learning and Skills Council in March.

The aim of the proposal will be to explore the feasibility of a merger – NWK has campuses at Dartford and Gravesend – and to sound out the view of the Learning and Skills Council.

An NWK spokesman said: "This move follows an approach to North West Kent College from Bexley College after its board of governors considered a range of options contained in a specially commissioned report on its future.

"Both colleges have notified staff and will be keeping them updated on developments."

Bexley is the only further education college in the borough of Bexley. It recruits more than 80 per cent of its students from the postal districts of south-east London and Dartford as well as the surrounding areas of Kent.

Students can choose from a variety of full-time and part-time courses that include subjects such as basic education, construction, and health and care.

North West Kent College has two main campuses in Dartford and Gravesend.

It caters for the further and higher education needs of around 10,000 full-time and part-time students on courses varying from hairdressing and beauty therapy to hotel and catering, performing arts to professional care, maritime to motor vehicle studies, and secretarial work to sports, leisure and public services.

Best interests

David Gleed, interim principal at Bexley College, said: "Discussions are at an early stage, but we look forward to talking to and working with our partners and stakeholders about how the strengths of both colleges can be harnessed for the benefit of all of our current and future learners."

Malcolm Bell, principal at North West Kent College, said: "It is important to stress at this stage that we are only considering the possibility of a merger. We will only proceed if we are convinced it is in the best interests of the learners of Bexley, Dartford and Gravesham."

Bromley and Orpington are working on a merger that should take effect from August 1, 2009.

The new college will be called Bromley College of Further and Higher Education, and it likely that both Orpington and Bromley will be retained as campus names.

Current head of Bromley, Peter Jones, will be the principal for the first year, and Orpington's current head, Simon Norton, will follow him.

Mr Jones said: "Almost £50 million is being spent on building state-of-the-art facilities.

"The college will provide a comprehensive range of courses for local people and will also provide a one-stop shop for business training and consultancy."

A spokeswoman stressed the merger is subject to consultation and added: "It wasn't necessary to merge, but a larger, stronger organisation is better equipped to meet the needs of local students and employers and to respond to future challenges and it's the pattern up and down the country."

She said it should not result in staff cuts – the curriculum of both is a good match – and there is not much overlap. Any actual staff cuts may be met through natural wastage, such as job changes and retirement.



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Merger strikes up a strong alliance

AUSTRALIAN property companies are expanding into European markets following an increasing shortage of prime real estate Down Under.

Property trusts are looking at overseas investments – and Europe and Japan are both proving increasingly attractive, especially as changes to European regulations on property investment trusts have freed up investment options.

In Kent, commercial developer Scarborough and Benchmark Estates has re-branded as Valad and Benchmark Estates.

This follows the £685 million acquisition by Australian real estate headliner, Valad Property Group of Scarborough Development Group Plc, which had 50 per cent of S&B, back in July 2007.

At the time it was reported the purchase of Scarborough, which was part of the development group founded in 1980 by Kevin McCabe, chairman of Sheffield United FC plc, would take Valad's assets under management from $6.6 billion to $16.8bn.

Didier Tandy, Valad's development director said the firm was keen to continue "an active role in VBE identifying new development opportunities in the South East through our long-standing joint venture with John Hawkins's company Benchmark Realty Ltd", which accounted for the other 50 per cent of S&B.

The re-branding coincides with the purchase of the company's largest project to date – Link Enterprise Park, a 24-acre extension to an existing business park at Lympne close to Junction 11 of the M20.

The company has just submitted detailed planning consent for a 43,000 sq ft first phase of industrial units ranging from 1,250-3,800 sq ft to be known as Ridgepoint and are discussing design and build sales which would account for another 10 acres.

For further information contact John Hawkins on 07775 813376.

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Architect's grand vision is finished

THERE may not be many direct links between Kent and London's Natural History Museum, but one of the county's most famous houses and the world-famous collection share the same architect.

Alfred Waterhouse designed Springfield House, Maidstone, in his favoured Gothic style in 1890, following other famous commissions including the museum.

Now a £2 million programme has restored the house brick and stonework back to its former glory as envisaged by the renowned architect. The two-year contract was undertaken by Sittingbourne-based builder BW May and Son.

The building now provides a unique range of open-plan and cellular offices which together with the bomb proof archive provides 16,600 sq ft and a minimum of 58 car spaces.

Developers Starnes (Maidstone) Ltd in association with Benchmark Realty were selected to take on the project by adjoining site owners Mountgrange in view of their combined experience in restoring period buildings.

Springfield House now stands in 1.25 acres of landscaped grounds with direct access to Royal Engineers Way and forms the focal point of the Springfield regeneration.

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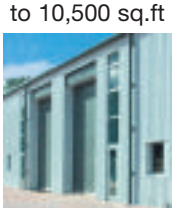
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Youngsters to get recognition in new awards

By **TONY PATEY**

BUSINESS groups are waking up to the growing number of youngsters getting into start-ups – this week the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) said it is including two special categories in its British Small Business Champions Awards (BSBC) 2008 to signal achievements of youngsters running smaller firms.

The Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award is for individuals who are aged 21 and under at the time of entering and the Most Promising New Business Award is for businesses which were started after November 1, 2006.

The FSB now has members who started their businesses as an after-school enterprise and which are growing up with them – its youngest member joined at the age of 14.

The Most Promising New Business Award is to highlight the achievements of the 50,000 people who start their own business each year.

The two winners will each win a trophy and £1,000 to spend in a way that will benefit their business. They will also be provided with the artwork showing their title, to use on their business stationery, publicity materials etc.

The BSBC judges will be looking for viability and potential. They will also be looking at the personal qualities of the entrants including the ability to develop an owner-led business.

Both of these awards are sponsored by AIMS Accountants for Business, the largest independent association of professionally qualified accountants across the UK, specialising in the accountancy needs of local smaller and independent businesses.

Full details of BSBC 2008 are available at www.fsb.org.uk/bsbc where entry forms can be downloaded. Otherwise telephone Judith Francis on 0207 592 8120, or email her at judith.francis@fsb.org.uk.

If you want to nominate someone for the Young Entrepreneur of the Year or a business for Most Promising New Business, contact Judith as above, stating name of person, the business, which award you are nominating them for and the postal address to which an entry form should be sent.

The finalists of BSBC 2008 will be invited to the awards ceremony at Claridges on November 21. The closing date for entries is March 28.

BSBC, founded in 2002 by FSB, is the only national awards scheme solely for small businesses – there are 4.3 million of them in the UK, contributing more than 50 per cent to its GDP and 97 per cent of UK businesses employ less than 20 people.

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Chancellor's change not for the best



By **LIZ RULE**
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ALISTAIR Darling announced a small concession to his proposed new Capital Gains Tax regime last week.

In his pre-budget report last October, the Chancellor said he wanted to simplify the Capital Gains Tax system and get rid of the complexities of indexation reliefs and taper reliefs to just have a flat rate of tax of 18 per cent.

There was outcry from many, but mostly in the corporate sector where business owners and entrepreneurs are currently able to taper their tax down to a rate of 10 per cent as long as they have held the asset two years.

Well, he has now fiddled with the proposals and we now see the emergence of a Lifetime Capital Gains allowance where the tax rate on up to £1 million is only 10 per cent.

It is designed to reduce the amount of complainants, as many small business owners who sell will now still be able to achieve a 10 per cent rate.

The trouble is there are now rules.

To qualify for the CGT lifetime allowance you need to own at least five per cent of the shares and must be an employee or director. I would imagine that when we see the detail and HMRC tries to close the loopholes, people will find there will be even more rules.

I fear that by adjusting things in this fashion what he will have completely lost is the simplicity he was after in the first place.

As anyone working in the pensions industry knows, the 'simplification' of the rules, i.e. where everyone has a pension lifetime allowance of £1.6m, has been incredibly complex.

The legislation has been changed so many times now it is ridiculous. The paperwork involved when someone retires is more complex and for the majority unintelligible. I think it is another example of how things get introduced in an ill thought-out fashion. But sadly we are all too used to it now.

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Movers & Shakers

BRACHERS Solicitors in Maidstone are further strengthening their team with key appointments.



Philip Cunningham (inset) joins as a partner in corporate and commercial. Having originally trained in London, he has experience as vice-president of Swisscom AG Switzerland with responsibility for international investments in telecoms in Europe, India and the Far East. Most recently Philip has been involved in projects in the US in the biofuels industry. He has wide experience of joint ventures, acquisitions, disposals, equity and debt offerings and general corporate and commercial work.

Adish Farkhad joins the employment team, having previously been an employment solicitor at Rowley Ashworth, a leading Union firm. She is experienced in all aspects of Employment Tribunal claims, including unfair dismissal and breach of contract.

Joining the healthcare team as a solicitor is Leslie Ann Daniel-Davies.

With a long history of working in the healthcare industry she has a strong interest in clinical negligence and healthcare law.

Previously a qualified nurse at Charing Cross Hospital, Leslie Ann's practical experience includes working as legal claims manager at Hammersmith Hospital before training as a solicitor.

Dan Cowley is the latest edition to the property team as a commercial property solicitor. He qualified in 2005 and has most recently been at Manches LLP.

LAFARGE Cement UK has sent out congratulations to former employee Richard Sams on his Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) awarded in the New Years' Honours List.

Mr Sams, who worked for Lafarge/Blue Circle for more than 34 years, received the honour for his "services to education as Chair of Governors for the Malling School and Holmesdale Technology College Federation".

He has been a governor at Holmesdale Technology College for almost 10 years, principally as Chair. During this time, the college has had considerable success, recognised by its designation as a "high-performing school".



Mr Sams said: "I am clearly delighted to receive this honour. I have enjoyed the challenge of being involved with Holmesdale and I think the staff, governors and pupils can be proud of what has been achieved.

"This year promises to be exciting as we develop our partnership with Malling School, push for Trust School status and approach many local businesses to become trustees of the federation."

Although Richard has retired, he maintains an active interest in Lafarge, which is the country's largest cement maker, supplying Blue Circle brand cements to customers across the UK.

Lafarge's business development director Rajeev Ramankuttty said: "Everyone at Lafarge congratulates Richard on this award which is well deserved."

Jack Parkinson, chairman of national recruitment group, HR GO Plc, has just announced the promotion of David Simons to managing director of recruitment.



He will be responsible for the performance of the recruitment businesses after moving from his role of group strategic development director at the Ashford-based company.

Since joining the company in 2006 David has worked closely with many of the joint venture partners within the group and implemented new support systems and improved business structures to enhance performance and growth.

To support David in his new role there have been two other appointments, reporting directly to him.

In addition to continuing his role as MD of HR GO (Havant) Ltd, Sean Durrant will oversee and offer guidance and support to five group companies as business director (South). Andy Hart will take up the role of business director (North) overseeing nine group recruitment businesses.

"I am looking forward to the challenge of my new role and hope that, with lots of hard work and team work, we can make 2008 another record year for HR GO," says David.

HR GO Plc is one of the top-50 recruitment companies in the UK and, this year, celebrate its 50th anniversary. The business turns over in excess of £80 million and employs more than 450 permanent staff nationally and 4,000 contract personnel.

Couple aim for another success

GOING for a hat-trick of top-flight awards is Goudhurst's famous Burgess Stores – right in the heart of the village.

Run by John and Elaine Maxwell Jones since 1995, it's in the finals of the 2008 National Drinks Retailing awards, organised by the journal Off-Licence News.

The award-winning business – it was winner of the Best Kent Independent Retailer/Village Shop Award in 2004 and 2006 – has made it to the last three in the best convenience store category.

Said Mr Maxwell Jones: "We're thrilled to have reached the finals – we hope this year to improve on our 2005 position when we came runner-up in the same category."

The husband and wife team are a big champion of local produce – they currently offer around 300 local foods, drinks, and non-foods.

Trading since before 1820, Burgess Stores is literally at the heart of the village in the High Weald of Kent.

It was under seven generations of Burgess' until 1874, when the Johnsons took over and remained until 1995.

Not only a fully licensed speciality food shop, Burgess's offers the full range of products and services available from a village shop and post office.

The awards will be announced at a Gala evening at London's Dorchester Hotel on Tuesday.



DUO: Jenny Rodwell (left) and Sara Coote

Jark girls big hit

IT'S A success! That was message from the two-strong team at Jark Recruitment, one of the UK's largest independent providers of temporary and permanent contract staff, after the firm opened a new office in Maidstone.

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GREAT NEWS: Georgina Harland hopes people will be inspired to get involved in the modern pentathlon

Kent to host pentathlon World Cup

HUNDREDS of world-class athletes will compete in Kent after the county won the right to host the British leg of the modern pentathlon World Cup in 2010.

The World Cup series is the most prestigious annual competition in the sport, with only five or six events a season.

The four-day competition, which comprises of swimming, fencing, show-jumping, shooting and running, will be held at Medway Park in Gillingham.

Around 200 athletes from 35 countries are expected to compete in the event.

Medway fought off interest from other bids to secure the British leg, which is usually held in Somerset.

Peter Hart, chief executive of Pentathlon GB, was impressed with the area's commitment to hosting the event.

He told Kent on Sunday: "Everyone we met when we went down there was very enthusiastic about the games and wanted to be part of it.

"It is a great opportunity for the local community to get involved in the sport. Hopefully the public can gain a better understanding of modern pentathlon so they can follow it through to 2012."

As part of the package for hosting the World Cup, Pentathlon GB will also be working on a sports development programme with local authorities. Schools will be visited to encourage the growth of the sport in the area.

Warm-up

It is also hoped Medway would host the 2011 European Championships, which would act as a warm-up event ahead of the London Olympics in 2012.

Great Britain has a rich history in the sport, with two Olympic champions. Canterbury's Georgina Harland won bronze at the Athens games in 2004.

The 29-year-old, who is preparing to compete in the Beijing Olympics later this year, was delighted with the news.

Speaking from her training camp in the Pyrenees, she said: "This is great news for the Medway area.

"There is no better way to inspire people to get involved in a sport than seeing it first hand. I have no doubt there will be people touched by the sport and inspired to give it a go and who knows, one of those people could be a future Olympic champion."

Medway Council's cabinet unanimously voted in favour of the move on Tuesday. The final hurdle will come in March when the full council vote on whether to approve the deal.

Conway a step closer to F1 dream

Drive of his life



PIVOTAL ROLE: Mike Conway has earned a place in Honda's young driver programme

By TOM HOWARD

KENT racer Mike Conway has been named in Honda's young driver programme, which could see him on a Formula One grid next season.

The Sevenoaks racer has been selected as one of two drivers for the Honda programme after its launch of the 2008 car this week.

Conway beat fellow GP2 racer Andi Zuber to the seat and joins Italian Luca Fillipi for the programme.

The former British Formula Three champion will now have a pivotal role in the team, testing the car four times over the course of the season in a bid to make it stronger and faster.

He believes the chance could land him a place in the team in 2009, as there are rumors that current driver Rubens Barrichello could leave at the end of this season.

Opportunity

Conway told Kent on Sunday: "I am very pleased they have chosen me to be part of their young driver development programme.

"This opportunity will allow me to get involved with an F1 team and help develop this year's car. If I can do a good job and keep impressing everyone at Honda, I hope to be in line for the race seat in 2009.

"It has been really good working with the team in the last few weeks. I feel I have learnt a lot from Jenson Button and Rubens Barrichello. In fact, Rubens has been a great help. His 16 years of experience has been a great tool for me to learn from. I get on well with Jenson and the whole team is very friendly."

Conway tested the new car last week at Valencia and was impressed with the progress of the RA108 challenger.

He said: "It's a step forward from last year's car, definitely. I have been out for a couple of runs in the new car and it was a fantastic opportunity for me to get another chance to test an F1 car."

His main goal this season is to follow in the footsteps of Lewis Hamilton and clinch the GP2 crown, racing for new team Trident Racing.

He added: "This year I hope to have a shot at the GP2 title. Trident Racing are a very ambitious team and I think with them I will have a great chance. Obviously I have now learnt all the tracks so I will not be going in blind like I was last year. However, there is the brand new street circuit at Valencia, but it will be the same for everyone. I am excited to get the racing underway, but we have got a lot of testing to do this month."

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Spencer to try for Six Nations history

ENGLAND Women's rugby captain Catherine Spencer has the chance to make history in being part of the first team to win a third consecutive Six Nations Grand Slam.

The 28-year-old from Folkestone was named captain of England in November and the tournament will be her first in leading out the England team.

The former Folkestone player, who now plays for Premiership side Worcester, was part of the last year's Grand Slam winning side. The England team only conceded 12 points in the competition as they successfully defended the coveted trophy. She hopes that her England side can follow in the footsteps of the winning teams of 2006 and 2007.

England got their campaign underway yesterday against Wales in a bid to make history as there has never been a side in either the men's or women's competition that has won three consecutive Grand Slams in the history of the championship.

Spencer said: "This time of year is a really enjoyable time for rugby. We have the chance to make history if we win this year's Six Nations and there is pressure on us being the defending champions, but it is nothing we can't handle."



HIGH HOPES: Catherine Spencer bids to make Six Nations history

The number eight led the team out for the first time as captain in December's friendly against USA. The match saw England run out convincing 34-0 winers after six tries were scored. She hopes to continue this style of rugby under her guidance as captain.

She said: "It was really good to have the match against USA. It allowed us to bond together and form a real team unit. We hope we can continue what we produced in the match and play the attacking and expansive rugby that we are known for."

Although this will be her first competition as captain, Spencer says the pressure will not get to her and she cannot wait to lead the team out.

"It is a massive honour," she said. "It is a fantastic feeling to be wearing the red rose and lead the team out for the match. It is a feeling that is really hard to describe.

"I was captain for the game against USA, but this will be my first competition as the team leader in a major tournament.

"I enjoy leading the team and playing at number eight is an easy position to oversee the team. I have quite a physical game so hopefully that will do the talking."

Next Saturday, she will be leading the squad to take on Italy in Rome.

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Addicks will cope with Reid loss, vows Pardew

HE MAY have lost his captain and arguably his most influential player, but Charlton manager Alan Pardew was remarkably upbeat following the end of the January transfer window on Thursday.

The departure of Republic of Ireland international Andy Reid to Sunderland in a deal worth up to £4 million left some supporters questioning the ambition of the Addicks.

But the knowledge that his team has re-established its title credentials in Reid's recent absence due to injury, plus the recruitment of versatile defender Greg Halford and left-winger Lee Cook, will be uppermost in Pardew's mind.

"I feel we've coped well without Andy since he has been injured. It was a tough call for all parties, and also Andy himself. He was on Championship money and he's now on Premier League money.

"Roy Keane had a couple of conversations with me, and I tried to make it clear Andy wasn't for sale, but it snowballed from there, and these things happen in football.

"It was a difficult decision, but we have to look at ourselves and say 'are we going to let this affect us or will this make us stronger?' Hopefully, the latter will happen."

There is a school of thought that the inclusion of Reid, despite his talent, unbalanced the Addicks, and forced Pardew to play to his, rather than the team's strengths.

The increasingly influential Zheng Zhi has scored four goals in eight games since Reid tore his medial ligament in mid-December, while Darren Ambrose has netted twice in the last three matches.

The arrivals of Halford, from Sunderland, and Cook, from Fulham, both on loan for the rest of the season, took the number of Charlton's signings in January to three, following the £1.5m acquisition of Andy Gray.

Halford first came to prominence at Colchester United under current Addicks assistant manager Phil Parkinson, while the highly rated Cook has been hampered by injury since his £2.5m move to Craven Cottage in July.

And the trio may not be the only new faces at The Valley in the coming weeks.

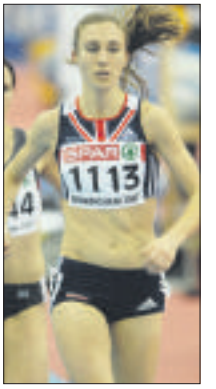
"Although the window shuts in terms of transfers, we can still loan outside of that," said Pardew.



EXIT: Alan Pardew says the club will bounce back after losing captain Andy Reid to Sunderland Picture: GETTY IMAGES

PB for Dobriskey

ATHLETICS: Commonwealth 1,500m champion Lisa Dobriskey is back to her best after setting a new indoor personal best at Glasgow last weekend.



The Ashford Athletics Club runner blitzed the field at the Norwich Union International Match, winning the race by three seconds in a time of 4:16.80.

The race was only her second since her Achilles injury that she suffered before Christmas.

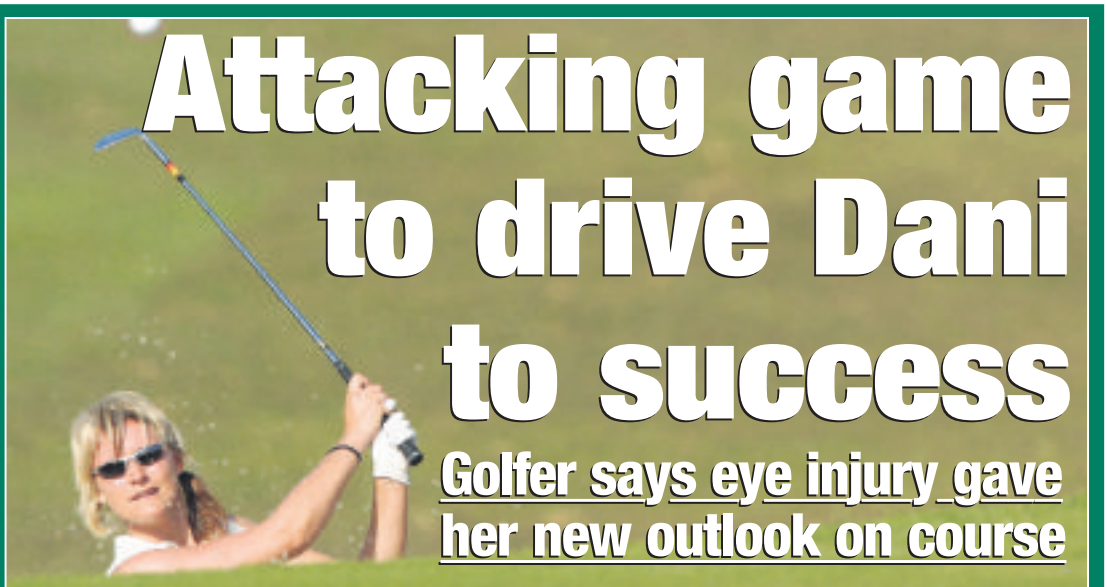
Dobriskey said: "I have been slowly building up the training. Winter training isn't the best but it has been going well. It was fantastic to set a new indoor personal best and a real boost for this Olympic year."

Dobriskey has decided not to compete in the World Indoor Championships in March in a bid to keep herself in the best shape ahead of the Olympics in Beijing.

Her next event will be the World Trials and UK Championship at Sheffield on February 9.

Attacking game to drive Dani to success

Golfer says eye injury gave her new outlook on course



Inside view with DANIELLE MASTERS



MY THIRD season as a professional golfer has just begun, and in 2008 you will be seeing a more aggressive and more attacking player.

I'm going to try to be smart when I need to be in competition play, of course, but overall I'm determined to let myself be more carefree in my attitude and approach. I want to get into contention more in the tournaments, and sometimes I will therefore need to attack and get more birdies.

This change in my thinking has come about as much because of the nasty eye injury I suffered two-thirds of the way through last season, as from the general experience I've gained from my first two years on the Ladies European Tour.

When the sight from my right eye was temporarily blurred for a month following the incident on the practice range when a stone flew up into it – causing me to miss one tournament and then play in a couple of others with impaired vision – I found that my attitude out on the course changed.

Because I wasn't expecting to do so well, due to the injury and the lack of practice before those tournaments, I went out there saying to myself "right – let's just give it a real go", and I suddenly realised that sometimes it is better to be aggressive and not always to take the sensible option. You could almost say it was a bit of an eye-opener.

Afterwards I went on to finish second in the Scottish Open – my best finish yet on tour – and even though my 32nd place in India and 44th place in Dubai in the final two tournaments of last year in December don't sound that good, I actually played some great golf but was let down by too many missed putts.

Overall, in 2007, I feel I maintained my upward momentum and – despite my injury – I managed to finish higher in the Order of Merit (43rd) and to win more than 10,000 euros more in prize money than I did in my debut season in 2006.

I could not wait for the start of the 2008 season. I have been playing in the Australian Open, which began this week, and then I will be involved in the ANZ Ladies Masters which starts on Thursday.

When I return from what will be a total of three-and-a-half weeks in Australia, including acclimatisation and practice, I will be at home in Maidstone for a little while before going out to Spain to play in a couple of ladies tournaments and to hone my game still further in preparation for the resumption of LET action in early April.

The LET, in fact, is continuing to grow – with 28 tournaments being planned for this year (there were 26 last year) in what is also the 30th anniversary year of the tour.

As my trip to Australia shows, plus those December tournaments in India and Dubai, it is now far from being just a British/European based tour.

The competition is getting stronger and stronger, too, and it is an exciting time to be starting out on a professional career in ladies golf.

The welcome we got in Bangalore at the end of last year, in the first LET tournament to be staged in India, was exceptional. The Eagleton Golf Club course was fantastic and the people there could not do enough for you.

But December 2008 is a long way off. First, there is a new season to get stuck into. I've experienced coming second in a tournament; I now want to see what first place feels like.

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Mat makes grade

KARATE: Rising Karate star Mathew Velvick has become the first Briton under 18 to be awarded a senior black belt in Karate.



The 16-year-old from Ashford, was given the belt after a policy change by the National Association of Karate and Martial Arts. Until 18 months ago, pupils aged under-18 were not permitted to enter a senior national black belt grading and could only achieve 1st and 2nd Dan.

After five hours of physical and mental testing, extensive questioning and examination, he was rewarded with a 3rd Dan black belt.

He has trained four times a week for the past 10 years and rarely misses a session. His 3rd Dan was awarded exactly 10 years after achieving his first red belt karate grade.

Dickson's hotel fall

FOOTBALL: Chris Dickson is set for a spell on the sidelines after injuring his knee in a freak accident at a hotel.



The Charlton striker and former Gillingham hot shot, could be out for as long as three months after injuring himself badly in the reception of a hotel the club were staying at in prior to Tuesday night's win against Stoke City.

As a result of the injury, Addicks boss Alan Pardew was unable to send striker Izale McLeod out on loan as he had hoped.

Pardew said: "Chris got injured in a freakish accident in the reception of the hotel before Tuesday's game.

"He has injured himself quite badly and we feel we're going to miss him for some time. It's early stages, but it could be as much as three months.

"It's a shame because I really wanted to loan out Izale and get him some games."

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LUKE GETS THUMBS UP FROM WENGER



POTENTIAL: Arsene Wenger says ex-Gillingham youngster Luke Freeman (right) is talented, but now the hard work begins
Picture: GETTY IMAGES

But Arsenal boss asks if teenager can prove he is worth a place in the Gunners elite



EXCLUSIVE

By **DAVID PRITCHARD**

ARSENAL manager Arsene Wenger has challenged teenage striker Luke Freeman to push for a place at the Premiership club after he finally completed his dream move from Gillingham this week.

The 15-year-old, who had been at the Gills' centre of excellence for five years, signed an initial student registration with the Gunners which will be turned into a professional contract when he turns 17 next year.

In an exclusive interview with Kent on Sunday at the club's London Colney training ground, Wenger admitted the youngster's appearance in the FA Cup game against Barnet caught his attention.

He came on as a second-half substitute in the game at Underhill in November last year and became the youngest player to feature in the FA Cup.

Gifted

It alerted a number of Premiership clubs who sent scouts to watch him play four days later in Gillingham's next fixture in the Football League Trophy against Dagenham & Redbridge.

Wenger told KoS: "I was told there was a young player who was very gifted who plays at Gillingham. I sent a scout I trust to watch him. He came on, played a little and we managed to see a bit more of him and then decided to go for him."

The teenager visited West Ham, Newcastle and Arsenal before settling on the Gunners before the New Year.

Negotiations to take Freeman to the Emirates Stadium took around a month and were finally agreed on Wednesday – four days after he made his debut for Arsenal's under-18s.

Now Wenger has challenged the youngster to make a name for himself in Liam Brady's youth team.

He said: "When he came in the first day I took him with me to see what his characteristics are and now it is down to him to improve and progress."

The Gunners boss clearly likes what he has seen from Freeman and believes he has the predatory instinct needed as a striker.

When asked whether he had a good grounding at Gillingham, Wenger said: "Yes, very good. He has had a good education, I am impressed by his personality – brave, knows what he wants and again in the box he is a guy who is lively."

The Dartford-born player started out by playing for White Oak Wanderers in the Bexley League before being picked up by Charlton Athletic. The Addicks released Freeman when he was 11, prompting the move to Gillingham.

Mark Patterson, Gills' youth team manager, coached Freeman for more than a year and thinks the young striker has what it takes to make the move a success.

He said: "It will be a big challenge for him but he has proved he has got great ability. He has a great capacity for learning, you don't have to keep drumming things into him, which will stand him in good stead. The potential is there for him to become a very good player and have a long career.

"He always worked to the maximum in every session and trained as if every session was his last.

"The other lads are all pleased for him. It shows the opportunity is there if you perform to the levels then these kinds of things happen."

Gills boss Mark Stimson gave Freeman the chance to play in the first team. He was sorry to see him leave but believes the move will make the youngster a better player.

He said: "For Luke I think it's the best education you could have in this country because the way the Arsenal teams play is an absolute credit to that football club.

"The football is first class, they all seem to be very athletic and get around the pitch so for Luke to go and get his education there for the next two or three years and work with some top class coaches and also some world class players, it can only be good for him."

Stimson has already felt the benefits of the move. The fee, which has been reported as high as £200,000, gave the club greater flexibility in the closing stages of the January transfer window.

It covered the cost of bringing in Stuart Lewis and Barry Fuller from Stevenage and may have proved crucial in the decision to spend £150,000 on Rushden & Diamonds striker Simeon Jackson just before the window closed on Thursday.

It is believed the deal included clauses where Gills would receive extra payments should Freeman go on to play for the first team.

A pre-season friendly against Arsenal was mooted but if it goes ahead it is very unlikely to be against the club's first team.

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